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TO PROTEST RAISE IN RATES

One Hundred Mass Meetings to Be Held in California By Shippers Today.

100,000 PERSONS MAY BE PRESENT

"Rate Day" Organized By Shippers to Relieve State of "$10,000,000 Annual Tax" By the Railroads.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—One hundred mass meetings will be held at various points throughout the state tomorrow to protest against the proposed increase in trans-continental freight rates which are scheduled to go into effect on January 1st. The organized remonstrance against the action of the transportation companies has been handled by an executive committee appointed by the shippers of the state which have joined in the movement and the day for the meeting has been designated as "Rate day."

According to the estimates made by the committees in charge of the meetings a general attendance of between 50,000 and 100,000 persons is expected. Every important city in the state will have a meeting and the speakers will denounce the protest of the shippers of California to what is termed the imposition of a $10,000,000 annual tax on California consumers, that being the estimated difference between the rates now in force and those which the companies seek to collect after the first of the year.

ORCHARD MAY TELL OF LINFORTH CRIME

Commission to Take Testimony of Self-confessed Slayer of ex-Governor Steunenberg.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—By a ruling of the supreme court handed down today the issuance of a commission was granted, authorizing the taking of the deposition of Harry Orchard, self-confessed slayer of the late Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, as to the circumstances surrounding the explosion in this city on November 17, 1904, in the house of W. H. Linforth, then thought to have been caused by a leak in the gas main, but which resulted from the firing of a dynamite bomb, according to statements made in Orchard's confession.

The issuance of the commission follows the attempt of the gas company in this city to recover $10,800 paid to Linforth for the damages done his house, on the finding of a jury that the gas company was responsible. The gas company attempted to reopen the case when Orchard's confession was made public, but was forced to go to the higher court to secure its authority for the taking of the deposition. Orchard, who is serving a life sentence in Idaho, stated that he blew up the Linforth house in an attempt to kill Captain Bradley, who then resided there.

CONGRESSMEN GO TO NEW YORK TO WORK

Sub-Committee of Monetary Commission Finds Facilities There for Routine Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Senators Aldrich and Teller of the sub-committee of the national monetary commission, accompanied by Arthur B. Shelton, secretary of the commission, arrived last night from Washington, and Congressman Vreeland another member of the committee, is expected during the day. Secretary Shelton said today of the visit:

"There is no thought of a conference with New York bankers on this visit. There is not even to be any formal conference with the statisticians and writers engaged by the commission. The members of the sub-committee have taken advantage of the holidays to come here to New York, which is a more central point than Washington, to pursue the routine work of the commission and to talk with the writers and statisticians who are here in the city or who may wish to come here to advise the committeemen. There are many men now writing articles and gathering statistics in regard to monetary conditions in the United States and some of these we can more conveniently see here than in Washington. The work of these men deals exclusively with conditions in this country and has nothing to do with the work of the commission in England, France, or Germany last summer."

Neither Senator Aldrich nor Senator Teller could be seen today.

BAIL REFUSED DEFENDANTS IN THE CARMACK SHOOTING

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 28.—"Gen. Pavien I desire to say that I have given this case careful consideration from every standpoint, and after having done so, I am of the opinion that it is not a bailable case, therefore I decline to allow bail to any of the defendants, and deny the application."

The above was the decision of Judge W. M. Hart in the criminal court this morning in the matter of application for bail for Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, Robin G. Cooper and John S. Sharp, charged with the murder of Senator E. W. Carmack, November 9th.

REGRET GRISCOM RESIGNATION.

ROME, Dec. 28. — The resignation from the diplomatic corps of Lloyd Griscom, the American ambassador to Rome is announced by the Italian press today. The news is accompanied by many expressions of regret.

RUSSIA TO COUNT PEOPLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28. — The cabinet has decided to ask the duma to appropriate $2,000,000 for a second general census of Russia to be taken in 1910.

MINISTER CUTS THROAT WHILE CONGREGATION IS WAITING AT THE CHURCH

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 28.—Failing to arrive at church, where his congregation had assembled for Sunday worship, a searching party was formed to locate Rev. Robert L. Dougherty, pastor of the Congregational church at Buchanan, N. D., and on visiting his apartments the minister was found lying in a pool of his own blood. He had committed suicide. A razor, with which he killed himself, was grasped in the hand of the victim, while a rambling note was found on a table. His actions had been watched for some time by the people of Buchanan, who were not satisfied that he was in his right mind.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Rev. Robert L. Dougherty was the son of the Rev. James G. Dougherty of Kansas City, Kan. Members of his family today said they believed that the young preacher had taken his life following a mental break-down due to ill health and oversteady.

Rev. James G. Dougherty, father of the dead man, was the first of the leaders in Kansas to take up the fight against lotteries, gambling and the liquor traffic.

ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH ABOUT $35,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The robbery of $30,000 worth of jewelry and $5,000 cash from a safe deposit jewelry store of Oscar W. Jäckel, at 356 Third avenue, this city, was discovered today.

The robbers got safely away with their booty. They forced their way into the cellar, sawed a hole through the floor into the store and pried off the dial of the combination lock. The robbery was not discovered until today.

J. CLAUDIANES ASKS TIME TO GET LAWYER

OAKLAND, Dec. 28. — The case of John Claudianes, accused as a conspirator with Peter Claudianes, in Gallagher's house, went over this the dynamiting of former Supervisor Gallagher's house, went over this morning until next Thursday, when Judge Waste will fix the date of the trial.

When Claudianes appeared this morning in court he announced that J. W. Scott, who had defended Peter, his brother, had with his permission, withdrawn from the case, and he asks for several days delay to procure proper counsel. T. Eauthieteau of Chico, an uncle of the Claudianes boys, was in court this morning and will produce the money for the employment of counsel for John Claudianes.

PITTSBURG GRAFT INQUIRY RUSHED

Cases to Be Finished Before Municipal Election in February, Say Attorneys

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28. Attorneys for the prosecution in the alleged corrupt practices of Pittsburg councilmen and two former bankers under arrest, declare the trials will be urged to a speedy conclusion. District Attorney Blakeley today said he would try to have the cases disposed of before the municipal election in February, at which the councilmen arrested are candidates for reelection. Attorneys for the defendants say that they will be ready to meet the charges at any time.

In connection with the alleged bribing of councilmen by bankers to secure deposits of city funds, it is said the plan followed was to have the bank's New York correspondents forward the amount of the alleged corruption fund to another Pittsburg bank to the credit of the councilman negotiating the bribery deal, to be make distribution to the other councilmen.

Some of the most wary councilmen operated through safety deposit boxes but others wrote checks against the fund. It is said a number of these checks will be presented as evidence. This feature, it is said, has been receiving attention of the federal agents.

President Roosevelt, it is believed, has been instrumental in pressing the federal investigations since the first suggestion of irregularities by national bankers reached the department of justice.

PACKERS' INQUIRY BEFORE GRAND JURY

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The federal grand jury today began the hearing of evidence in the investigation of the packing house industry. Various employes of the packing houses who had been served with subpoenas were on hand to testify. District Attorney Sims, who was engaged the greater part of last week in arranging preliminaries, declined to say before going into the jury room just what course the inquiry would take, whether it would be confined to the railroads and alleged rebating or whether it was directed chiefly to ascertaining what, if any, combination existed in regard to packing industry. At any rate it was intimated that the government intended to make its probing thorough.

TRIED TO DRINK BARREL OF WINE; DIED AT TASK

STOCKTON, Dec. 28.—An inquest over the body of Joseph A. Hollenstein, a farmer, who died suddenly Christmas Day near Elliott county, developed the fact that death was due to alcoholism, brought about by an attempt to drink a barrel of wine which he had recently made. The man had been a heavy drinker for years.

ROBBERS CRACK SAFE.

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—The safe in the postoffice sub-station at 1817 Telegraph avenue was blown open some time during the night and its contents scattered about the floor. What lout the safe crackers secured the police are unable to determine at this hour. The wrecked safe is in the pharmacy of Dr. Ben T. Mouser and contained valuables belonging to the store as well as government money. United States authorities will be notified and will work with the local police in the case.

THOUSANDS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

Southern Districts Devastated---Messina Demolished, Catania Inundated and Tidal Waves Wreck Shipping---Communication Is Cut Off.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The three provinces of Cosensa, Catansaro, and Reggio Di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabrie, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, of the "toe of the boot," were devastated today by the earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country. The town of Messina, in Sicily, was partly destroyed, and Cantania was inundated. In Messina, hundreds of houses have fallen and many persons have been killed. Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage done.

The fate of the entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour tonight indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country which seems to have been most blessed by nature will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature, which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sank vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania.

It is known that a number of persons were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

TORPEDO BOAT CARRIES NEWS.

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through interruptions to the telegraph and telephone and the landslides that obstructed the railroads. Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day while the first news from Messina came in the form of a despatch which a torpedo boat, flying at full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph lines were found to be intact.

From this point the dispatch was sent. It briefly stated that the situation was desperate and after summarizing the immensity of the catastrophe, ended with the announcement that Captain Bassino, commander of the local station for torpedo boats, was buried under the debris after having with other officials performed heroic work in trying to save others.

The Italian government proceeded energetically to relieve the widespread distress, concentrating at the points of greatest need troops and engineers.

THOUSANDS PERISHED.

Members of the Red Cross were dispatched to various places, and camps with provisions were immediately prepared, all available railway lines and warships being used for their transport. The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming directly from that quarter stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed.

THOUSANDS KILLED.

The steamers Washington and Montebello, which were in the harbor, proceeded to Catania, loaded with injured who were so stupefied by terror that they seemed unable to realize what had happened, simply saying that it looked as though the end of the world had come. Five steamers left Catania for Messina to assist in removing the injured from that place, who are reported in number thousands.

At Catania the panic-stricken people, fearing new shocks, absolutely refused to enter their houses and are camping on the squares.

500 BOATS ARE SUNK.

The tidal wave sank 500 boats there and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Idria.

Not only did Cantania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina which flank the harbor, covering them with a thick layer of mud which rendered more difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage. It is reported that the villages of Faro and Ganzirri, adjoining Messina, have disappeared. The effects of the earthquake were aggravated through an explosion of gas. The flames swept along several streets, adding terror upon terror.

CALABRIAN VILLAGE DESTROYED

In Calabria, the region around Monteleone was most affected. The village of Stefonaconi, the inhabitants of which number 2,000, was virtually destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured. Monsignor Morabito, the bishop of Mileto, who distinguished himself in the earthquake of 1905 did valiant work again today. He rushed into places where the ruin was greatest and brought aid and encouragement to all.

Thousands of persons abandoned their homes, although a terrific rainstorm prevailed, and filled the air with lamentations and prayers. In some places such as Prizzo, Cotrone, Santa Severina, and Piscopio, the people entered the churches almost while the latter were falling, and carried out the saints. They bore these in processions through the open country, invoking the mercy of God. In the mountainous regions inland, the population has taken refuge in grottoes and caves where peasants, priests, soldiers and persons of gentle birth are living in common. They sleep on the ground and fire burn to keep off wild animals. In Alof alone, 2,000 persons are homeless.

WAVE AT CATANIA.

Extraordinary scenes are reported at Catania. Following a violent shock at 5:20 o'clock, the sea arose in a tremendous wave which wrecked many small boats. It then suddenly retired and returned as quickly, causing further great damage and wreckage. Awakened by the shock, the inhabitants fled panic stricken from their homes into the streets and squares.

Processions were organized and soon all the churches were filled with weeping crowds imploring divine mercy. Cardinal Nava, bishop of Catania, exhorted the people to be calm. He promised that the body of St. Agatha would be carried in procession. St. Agatha is regarded as the special deliverer for all scourges and according to history the pious inhabitants of Catania diverted the course of the lava stream in 1669, when a fearful eruption of Mt. Etna took place, by extending the veil of St. Agatha toward it, thus saving the city, as the lava was turned aside near the Benedictine monastery and descended into the sea.

While the number of deaths at that place is not believed now to be large, there were several terrific occurrences. Among the children swept away by the wave was a boy, 15 months old, who was torn from the arms of his mother. The mother, too, was overcome by the force of the water and lost consciousness, but her body was caught by a railing and she remained there until she was rescued.

REGGIO REPORTED DESTROYED.

Midnight reports state that Reggio, the capital of the province of Reggio di Calabria, eight miles from Messina, on the opposite side of the strait, has met the same fate as Messina, but these reports have not been confirmed, owing to the lack of telegraphic facilities.

A very severe shock was felt at Caltanissetta, a city of Sicily, and although much damage was done, no one was killed. The shock created great alarm and, notwithstanding the downpour of rain, the whole population remained in the streets throughout the day and marched in religious procession.

POPE GREATLY DISTRESSED.

The pope was greatly distressed at hearing of the scourge that had afflicted the loyal population in the South. He could hardly credit the truth of the dispatches describing the devastation and fatalities as ten times greater than in 1905.

After kneeling fervently in prayer, the pope arose and said, as he said three years ago, that he felt his place was among his suffering children. It was his firm intention to order that instructions be given for beginning the journey, but his physician and those in attendance upon him insisted that it would be impossible for him to undertake such a fatiguing expedition in his present state of health.

At midnight a regiment of soldiers left here for Calabria.

A flying squadron composed of the battleships Vittorio Emanuele, Regina Elena and Napoli, has been ordered to proceed to Messina. The squadron will arrive there Tuesday morning, together with steamers of the Italian Navigation Company carrying supplies and troops. The troops will be sent to various points to keep down lawlessness. Signor Bertolini, the minister of public works, left tonight for the South, where he will represent the government.

Another regiment of infantry and several companies of engineers also left for the South. Altogether 3,000 troops have been sent from this city in the last eighteen hours, while from other military posts about 15,000 men are on their way to Calabria and vicinity.

Messina, next to Palermo, the chief commercial town of Sicily, with more than 90,000 inhabitants, is situated on the strait of Messina and is overshadowed by a range of rugged rocky peaks. Messina has been the scene of many battles and sieges, and has been so often devastated that there are no important relics of antiquity.

An earthquake in 1783 destroyed almost the entire town.

Messina lies on the line of contact of the primary and secondary formations, on which boundary earthquakes between Aetna and Vesuvius are always most violent. The earthquake of November, 1894, left many traces of its destructive force.

STEAMERS SINK

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch received here from Catania, Sicily, says the Swedish steamer Asta, the Austrian steamer Budmtwo and the Italian steamer Oreseio were damaged today by an earthquake and consequent tidal disturbances at that port. The extent of the injuries to the vessels is not given.

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave swept into this port today, the result of the earthquake disturbances. The people on the water front were thrown into an indescribable condition of fear. The approach of the water was seen and sharp cries of warning rang out. The people fled from the docks and water front of the town.

KING TO AID

NAPLES, Dec. 28.—King Victor Emmanuel, who is shooting near Naples, on receiving the first reports of the earthquake in Calabria, issued orders to make preparation for a trip to Calabria should the circumstances warrant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—An earthquake of very moderate force, but quite prolonged, was recorded by the weather bureau instruments last night. Prof. Marvin estimated that the great force of the earthquake was felt about 4000 miles away, corresponding, he said, quite closely to the distance between Washington and Calabria.

PALMI, Italy, Dec. 28.—An earthquake shock was felt here today. Many business houses were shaken to the ground and it is said there were many victims.

PAI, France, Dec. 28. A slight earthquake was experienced here this morning, coincident with the disturbances in Calabria. No damage resulted.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The latest dispatches from Messina, Sicily, state that two-thirds of the city was destroyed by the earthquake. Many persons were killed and injured.

The gravest news has also been received from the province of Reggio, where the earthquake wrought great havoc.

SERIOUS DAMAGE IN SICILY.

PALERMO, Dec. 28.—Reports from all the towns and villages around Messina state that serious damage has been done by the earthquake and that the number of victims is large. The gravest damage was done to public buildings and churches at Cloridin, Noto, Chiaramonte, Vittoria, Palerino, Terraneva, Marianopoli and Naro.

At Mino there were a number of shocks. At Augusta, which once before was destroyed by an earthquake, the tidal wave today wrecked the government salt works. The prisoners employed there mutinied, but were eventually suppressed. At Paltl the shock was accompanied by a blinding flash of light, while serious havoc was wrought at Barcedona and ten persons were killed at Castorial and Montagamo.

AETNA CAUSED TROUBLE.

Professor Riccò, director of the Mount Aetna observatory, says that the center of the earthquake was near the volcano. It is possible that further shocks will follow, but these are expected to be of minor force.

The Santa Maria college at Ali, between Messina and Catania, was overthrown, several of the girl students being buried in the ruins. The steamer Piemonte, according to word received here, has arrived at Milazzo with 300 women and children and 50 men who were injured at Messina.

There is no doubt that a large portion of Messina has been destroyed.

To add to the disaster, thieves were soon setting fires at various points and stealing everything they could lay their hands on, even robbing the injured, as they lay helpless, and the dead. The stores were broken into and great disorder and even terrorism prevailed for a time. The authorities, however, promptly took the most stringent measures to maintain order and those who were caught in acts of incendiarism and robbery were severely dealt with.

NINE MEN KILLED IN A COLLISION

Work and Freight Train Meet and Carpenters Die in Resultant Smash-Up.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 28.—As the result of a collision between a freight train and a work train on the Great Northern late this afternoon, nine men are dead and others badly injured. The collision occurred at Midcanyon, about forty miles south of Great Falls. The work train was carrying men engaged on bridge work for the company and with one exception all the men killed were carpenters.

The dead: N. L. Headline, carpenter, foreman, of Faribault, Minn.; H. C. Morrissey, brakeman, home in Pennsylvania; —— Fuller, carpenter; Charles Peterson, carpenter; M. W. Beal, carpenter. Four bodies so far are unidentified.

A train carrying the injured is now on the way to this city to place them in a hospital.

The injured: Conductor Ben P. Drake, Great Falls, arm broken, back and knee injured. J. T. Egan, Great Falls, head cut and bruised, knee cut; S. Olson, carpenter, Great Falls, bruised and cut about head and body; C. V. Yaeger, carpenter, Great Falls, bruised and cut about head and body. It is not believed that any of the injured will die.

One of the bodies has not been recovered and it is believed to have been burned up in the caboose.

EXPLOSION HURTS FOUR.

BUTTE, Dec. 28.—Four men were hurt in an explosion of a crude oil tank today at the Washoe smelters in Anaconda.

TWO HEROIC RESCUERS SAVE VICTIMS TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Two men were painfully injured, one perhaps fatally, the lives of a score of men, women and children were endangered, and $10,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire in a three-story frame building at Third avenue and 67th street, Brooklyn, early today.

Two deeds of more than usual heroism marked the fire. Charles Tucker, a young man who lived with his parents on the second floor of the burned building, carried his 12-year-old invalid sister, Ethel, down the smoke-enveloped stairs to safety. Fire Lieutenant Jareck was left on the third floor after his comrades of a hook and ladder company. Seeing his plight, Firemen James McCrone and John McCue rushed up a ladder after Jareck While they were bringing him down the ladder broke, hurling the three men to the sidewalk. Jareck fell under his two rescuers and it is believed was injured internally.

ATLANTIC FLEET PASSES BY ADEN

ADEN, Arabia, Dec. 28.—The sixteen battleships composing the American battleship fleet under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, which is cruising the world, passed this port today bound for Suez. The fleet left Colombo, Ceylon, December 20th.

LOS ANGELES NOT IN THE FIGHT ON RATES

Commercial Bodies There Refuse to Take Up Campaign of "San Francisco Jobbers."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Neither the Chamber of Commerce nor the Merchants and Manufacturers' association will take up the fight of the San Francisco jobbers against the announced raise of freight rates to go into effect on all the trans-continental railroads January 1.

"We entered a protest with the interstate commerce commission long ago," said Secretary Wiggins, "but the chamber will not call a mass meeting or take any other step until after the rates go into effect."

F. J. Zeehandelaar, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, said that the question of increased freight rates is one that concerns the jobbers. "This association will have no hand in the protest of the San Francisco merchants," he said, "as it is a question that directly affects the jobbers. The local association has not been disposed to take up the agitation, apparently."

INDIAN CONGRESS OPENS IN PEACE

Promises to Put a Damper on the Activities of Perplexing Political Agitators

MADRAS, Dec. 28.—The first session of the Indian International Congress today was entirely harmonious and the meeting this year promises to clear the air and put a damper on the activities of the agitators who recently caused much anxiety.

At the last meeting of the Congress, just a year ago, opposition to the election of Dr. Behari Ghoz as president, resulted in a free fight and caused the Congress to be indefinitely postponed.

Referring to the Morley reforms, Dr. Ghoz declared today that they had broken up the sinister clouds that had hung over India for the last twelve months, and he said they would give India something like a constitutional government instead of the popular autocratic regime. Continuing, Dr. Ghoz criticised all repressive legislation. He said British sovereignty could not be shaken by "a few flasks of picric acid or a few pounds of gunpowder" and he hoped that the genuine co-operation of the Indians with the British government would lead to the obtaining of colonial self-government.

The reform proposals referred to in the above dispatch unfilded by Lord Morely, secretary of state for India, in the House of Lords, December 17th, are briefly, as follows:

First—To increase the membership of both the judicial and the viceroys council by nomination and election, giving the different classes of the community each its representative.

Second—To repeal the prohibition against legislative councils discussing matters of general importance.

Third—To increase the executive councils of Bombay and Madras from two to four members each.

Fourth—To give the lieutenant governor an executive council of two members.

Fifth—To adopt a device to secure an official majority.

LAWYERS ASK DELAY IN SUIT TO GET BANK RECEIVER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—The suit of U. S. Webb, attorney general of California to secure the appointment of a receiver for the Consolidated Bank of this city was continued by the superior court today until January 11.

Motion for a continuance was asked by attorneys representing the bank and W. H. Carlson, its president, and was agreed to by George Beebe, deputy attorney general. The reason for the delay it is said is due to an offer made to Mr. Beebe by Carlson less than a week ago to furnish a surety bond guaranteeing the return to depositors of their money. This proposition has been sent to the attorney general, but no reply has been received.

"BATTLE" MERE BRAWL.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—Some excitement was aroused in this city today by exaggerated reports of an alleged fight between Austrian and Servian troops near Zolinge, a village of Bosnia. The war office, however, has received a dispatch on the occurrence which shows that it was of little importance.

PRIMARY LAW UPHELD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The validity of the Illinois direct primary law was again upheld today, this time by Judge Mack in dismissing a petition for an injunction to prevent the payment of salaries to judges and clerks of the primaries of August 8th. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

POINTS MADE IN HAINS' FAVOR

Whole Story of the Tragic Shooting Is Being Unveiled Before the Court.

CAPT. HAINS' MIND IN SERIOUS PLIGHT

Presence of Both the Hains at Bayside Yacht Club Accounted for—Prelude to Shooting Graphically Told

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The defense scored two material points in the evidence in the trial today of Thornton J. Hains, which the defendant's counsel assert disprove the charge that the author was a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht club in Little Neck Bay. An exhaustive cross-examination of the two witnesses for the defense left the main points of their testimony unshaken and Thornton Hains returned to Long Island jail tonight declaring that the evidence proved his innocence.

Testimony that Thornton Hains did not go to Bay City to kill Annis, but to look at property, was testified to by Charles Weaver, sales agent of the Hains Concrete Mixer company, who further declared that it was at his urgent invitation that the Hains brothers of August 15 postponed a trip to Sandy Hook and went to Bayside to inspect real estate. Weaver almost sobbed on the stand when he said that he felt responsible for sending the Hains brothers on the journey that ended in the death of Annis.

The mental condition of Captain Hains previous to the shooting was testified to by Mr. Weaver, who asserted that from the actions of the army captain he believed him to be irrational.

The second material point brought out by the defense today was drawn from John Tierney, a garbage collector, who said he was an eye witness to the tragedy. Tierney declared that Captain Hains had ceased firing before his brother ran down to the float and the defendant did not draw his revolver until Charles Roberts, a club member, advanced toward Captain Hains with the captain's revolver in hand. Tierney said that Thornton Hains did not point his revolver at any one on the float, but called for an officer to arrest his brother. He did not see Mrs. Annis on the float. A severe cross-examination did not make Tierney waver in any essential.

LOOKED OVER PROPERTY.

Charles Weaver, sales agent for the Hains Concrete company, proved to be the day's principal witness for the defense and he declared that he had induced Thornton Hains and his brother to go to the Bayside club to look over the property instead of going to Sandy Hook, where he said the Hains brothers were bound when he met them on August 15th.

"The hour was too late to go to Sandy Hook and I told them to go to Long Island and see the property with the idea of ascertaining whether it was near enough to the water front to obtain sand and gravel with which to make concrete. I started to go with them, but found that I could not get back to New York in time to meet my wife."

Mr. Weaver was permitted to tell of Captain Hains' mental condition that day and how the army captain appeared during the times he saw him previous to the shooting. He said Captain Hains looked unnatural and took no interest in what was going on about him. The witness said he took captain Hains on a trip to Boston, hoping that it would do him good.

Leo A. Bugg, a real estate man, said that he talked with Thornton Hains in April about the Bayside property and had made an appointment with him at the Yacht club a few days later. The defendant did not keep the appointment, said Bugg, who declared he had not seen Thornton Hains since that day.

The trial probably will not be concluded for ten days, as Prosecutor White has stated that the state's examination of witnesses will be complete and exhaustive.

CAPTAIN HAINS INSANE.

John E. McIntyre, counsel for Thornton Hains and Capt. Peter C. Hains, said that the mental condition of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., was very alarming.

"I can see no improvement in Captain Hains' mental processes," said Mr. McIntyre. "His condition is truly alarming and I fear a fatal termination of his trouble. The captain puts on his army uniform three or four times a day, and, imagining himself at Fort Hamilton, gives orders to an imaginary company of soldiers. He recites poetry and sings airs from the opera during the day. I am extremely apprehensive over the outcome. The treatment now being given him may be effective in time, but I doubt it."

ADOLPH ROOS IS CALLED BY DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28. — Another pioneer business man and capitalist, Adolph Roos, died in this city today. Mr. Roos, who was head of the firm of Roos Brothers, was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, aged 71 years. He came to California nearly half a century ago and in 1860 the firm bearing his name was established. Following an operation for cancer eighteen months ago Mr. Roos suffered an attack of illness from which he never recovered.

VESSEL SUNK IN COLLISION

NEW CASTLE, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—The British steamer Advance and the British bark Iverna were in collision off here today. The Advance went down, and, with the exception of her first officer, all the members of her crew lost their lives. The Iverna put into New Castle leaking badly.

The Advance mentioned in the foregoing dispatch appears to have been a local vessel of small dimensions.

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The Progressive Store

BOOKS AND STATIONERY. PRICES THE LOWEST

Hundreds of Beautiful New Suits AT ALMOST HALF

Our after Xmas suit sale presents most extraordinary news, sensational savings that has no parallel in the annals of trade. Share in the greatest, the biggest suit values that have ever been offered the buying public in Central California.

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1/4 Off 1-4 off on all Furs—this season's newest and most popular Furs; many exclusive reproductions in fur pieces shown here that you cannot duplicate any where; all reduced 1-4 off the regular price. Better buy now while the assortment is not broken—while you can get just what you want. **1/4 Off**

THREE SONS AND WIFE CUT OFF

Seropian Bros. Enjoin Sale Under Execution.

Compromise Dismissal of Kazarian Divorce Annulment Case.

The will of Owen Finerty offered for probate yesterday leaves a legacy of $1 to the wife and directs that she shall receive no more if she contests the will. Three sons are also cut on each with a $5 piece.

The son-in-law, Thomas P. Curry of Kern, filed the will yesterday for probate. Finerty died at Sacramento, Feb. 8th of the month, leaving $700 on deposit in the Redlog bank and other property in other counties. The petitioner is named executor of the will, whose subscribing witnesses under date of the 5th are C. R. Jones, M. D., of the Southern Pacific hospital at Bakersfield, and C. B. Harris of 2229 L street in that city. The heirs are Catherine, wife, aged 40, of New York City; James, son, 31, of Sacramento; Eugene J., son, 29, of Porterville; Thomas O., son, 28, of Porterville; Peter J., son, 25, Visalia; Annie, daughter, 29, Fresno; Elizabeth Curry, 21, 1129 N street, Kern City.

Finerty was a Southern Pacific railroad man and 63 years of age at the time of death and his testament directed that his body be decently buried and that all doctors' bills and funeral expenses be paid. Paragraph 2 read:

"I hereby devise and bequeath to Catherine Finerty, my wife, who heretofore deserted and abandoned me, the sum of $1, and direct that in the event she contests this, my said last will and testament, that she be allowed only the sum of $1."

To the son, James E., $50 was bequeathed, payable within one year after testator's death.

To the sons, Eugene J., Thomas O. and Peter, $5 each under like conditions.

All else, share and share alike, is given to the two daughters.

According to James A. Gallagher, the attorney for the executor, there was a division of property interests made when the wife left some years ago, and at that time provision was made also for the sons who are cut off with $5 pieces. Finerty evidently reposed the greatest trust in the son-in-law, having named that executor without bonds and authorizing him to sell any property of the deceased without formality of asking court permission.

IN MORE LITIGATION.

More litigation was forced on yesterday growing out of the affairs of the Seropian brothers as individuals in their relation to the incorporation bearing their name. The suit of yesterday is a move to escape execution of a judgment.

The suit is by Hazel Seurpian as the wife of the first named defendant, against Sheriff Chittenden and the Seropian brothers as a corporation to enjoin them from selling property under execution and that it be decreed that the incorporation be restrained from asserting any right to the property in question, as judgment creditor of Joan M. and George M. Seropian, but that she alone be declared to be the owner.

Mrs. Seropian claims lots 1-6 and 11-15 of the Chance tract (excepting .88 of an acre in lot 6 north of Red Bank creek, conveyed to G. B. Dyerberg), also lots 24 and 25 and the sw 1-2 of 70 in block 86 of Fresno city, besides the ne 1-4 of the sw 1-4 of 29-13-22. Judgment was secured for $3,300 by Seropian brothers, a corporation, against the two brothers named and on the 1st inst the sheriff levied on and attempted to sell this property as against them, when as she claims they have no title or interest in the property.

The restraining order was issued on a bond of $1,000 with S. Vartanian and D. K. Kazanjian as the sureties. The execution was to have gone into effect yesterday. Some of the property in question includes about 200 acres of vineyard in Kutner Colony, whose paper record title on purchase stands in the name of the wife. The city property was deeded to her as a wedding gift but has been hypothecated to make good payments on the vineyard purchase under a contract to buy in her name while the brothers are said to have actual management of the enterprise.

COMPROMISE DISMISSAL.

The case of Lucy D. Kazarian through her father, John Jacob, as guardian, against her former husband, H. Kazarian, was dismissed yesterday by Judge Austin in accordance with the terms of a compromise settlement.

Mrs. Kazarian sought to have annulled divorce proceedings, claiming that in August, 1898, she was an incompetent and an inmate at Brooklyn, N. Y., or Kings Park hospital and according to sensational allegations that he took advantage of her condition and absence to institute proceedings for divorce in San Francisco, and being granted the separation by reason of default, married another. The original records in that case were destroyed in the big fire and a substitute was furnished. There are two children by this first marriage of Kazarian.

According to the compromise stipulation then yesterday, the defendant was permitted to file an unverified general denial of the complaint, and the answer so filed was to be treated as though verified, admitting only that John Jacobs is the duly appointed guardian, that the decree award to the plaintiff 10 acres of the new 1-2 of lot 11 of Nye-Maroen colony, according to a deed to trustees attached to the compromise settlement of property rights, and to the defendant all residue, said award to the plaintiff to be in full of her claims and demands.

DIVORCED FOR CRUELTY.

The defendant defaulting, Judge Austin granted a divorce to Adelia Elder from Newton Elder on her testimony and that of his employer, a relative by the way. She has been a resident of Selma for about 18 months, the Elders having married in San Francisco in August, 1903. The divorce was granted on the ground of cruelty, directly attributable to his intemperate habits. She instanced that in November last while under liquor he made a murderous assault with a loaded shotgun and that she was compelled to seek safety in concealment, that in January last while under alcoholic influence he applied to her vile and abusive names, described as of equal force and import as those quoted in her complaint, that in April last he struck her violently in the face with clenched fist and that she was black and disfigured in the face for weeks thereafter, and lastly, that in March last in a fit of rage and ungovernable temper he drew a loaded weapon on her and would have shot her but for the interposition of a friend who disarmed him and that in fear of her life she had to seek shelter and protection elsewhere.

Rose Peterson has sued Herman Peterson or divorce. They have settled property claims according to deeds placed on record yesterday.

ALLOWANCES GRANTED.

Judge Austin made an order allowing Stella Coleman, widow of J. H. Coleman, late city license collector, to draw $200 from the bank on the deposit of $1650 to educate the minor son. The widow signed the request to the court with the name of Stella Coleman Love, it appearing that she married Frank Love on the 9th inst., going to Merced for the license to avoid the publicity here of the marriage. City Clerk Ryan is the executor of the estate, which consisted of cash and personal property totalling about $2,000 and house and lot.

Inventory has been filed in the estate of William E. Walker, a rancher of Selma, appraising its value at $32,721.16, including $6,639.86 cash and $25,675 value of real property. Nellie M. Walker, the administratrix and widow, has had her monthly allowance of $100 renewed and personal property of the home awarded her. Debts of the estate probably do not exceed $5,700.

Augusta Atkinson asked for and was granted an allowance of $50 per month out of the estate of W. H. Atkinson, who died on the 2nd inst., she being without means or property of her own and dependent upon the estate for maintenance. She was allowed $125 until the return of the inventory.

JURORS SUMMONED.

Twenty talesmen have been summoned for the trial before Judge Austin of the long pending case of Dodd against the Pasch brothers, involving originally lease of store premises in the Fresno hotel building. The case has come back from the Supreme Court on an order for a new trial and the defendants have since amended their original pleadings to put in a cross-complaint asking for damages in having been ejected from possession under what they claim was a lease, but which Dodd gave as a receipt for rent.

The sheriff summoned for the 5th prox. forty talesmen to serve as jurors, the writs having been issued in the case of L. E. Abbott against the Fresno Land and Water Company, trial of which before Judge Church was set for that day. Yesterday postponement of the trial was granted until the 26th prox., so presumably Abbott will be charged up with the costs of the jury.

MATTERS IN PROBATE

Henry Banta asked for a termination of the life estate of Emily F. Banta in lots 15 and 16 of Park addition to Fresno and that the community property rest in him as the surviving spouse. The Bantas were married in Indiana in November, 1865. They have owned the property described since May, 1887, and she died on the 22nd of last month.

C. E. Hill has asked for letters in the estate of James E. Clark, who died on the 23rd of last August. Estate is valued at $1200 consisting of lots 31 and 35 in block 2 of Hadsell's addition to Fresno. The heirs are the widow, Alice E. Clark, and three children.

Daniel E. Lyman, N. H. Fugelsang and C. J. Day have been appointed appraisers of the estate of John A. Jack, and Mary E. Jack administratrix under a bond of $2500.

WEIR FINED $500.

W. J. Weir, convicted of assaulting a neighbor rancher of Eggers colony with a shovel after a dispute over a cow-grazing privilege on a public roadway, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Church to pay a fine of $500 with the alternative of imprisonment in the county jail for 250 days. Stay of execution for ten days was granted and technical motions for a new trial and in arrest of judgment were submitted before the judgment of court was pronounced.

TO QUIET TITLE.

John Hall has sued C. S. Campbell as administrator of the estate of Ann S. Fillman, who died on the 28th of November, 1905, to quiet title to property described as the nw 1-4 of 5-17-16 which Hall claims came to him by purchase deed on November 13, 1908, on the day after which Campbell was appointed administrator of the estate. He claims an interest in behalf of the estate as separate property of the deceased, while Hall says it was community.

BURGLAR FLEES, LEAVING BOOTY

Hanford Man Finds Marauder in His Home.

Thief Breaks Into Santa Fe Freight Standing in Local Yard.

HANFORD, Dec. 28.—When S. A. Wright and family, who spent Sunday afternoon as guests at the house of friends, returned home last evening, it was noticed that a light was burning in the back parlor, and as it is an invariable rule of Mr. Wright when leaving home to carefully see that the lights are turned off, he knew that something was amiss. He was not much surprised, therefore, when, attempting to open the door, he found that some one stronger than he was holding it closed on the inside. Mr. Wright ran for assistance to the home of a neighbor and in his absence the thief, who had been ransacking the house, leaped through a rear window and made good his escape. The arrival of the family at an opportune moment saved the loss of a number of valuables, which the thief had tied up in a bundle, but in his hurry to escape, neglected to take them with him.

While the eastbound Santa Fe freight, No. 34, was standing in the local yards yesterday afternoon, some one broke into the caboose and opening a suit case belonging to one of the train hands, helped themselves to the contents, consisting of an overcoat, shoes, hat and other clothing. The theft was not noticed until after the train had left Hanford. Local Agent J. E. Todd was notified by wire from Corcoran and he at once communicated with the officers. No arrests have as yet been made.

A decree of divorce was today decreed H. S. Bruce, who has been seeking legal separation from his wife on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

In the long drawn-out case of Justice C. M. Smith against the county of Kings, Judge J. G. Covert today rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff, allowing judgment of $411, the full amount prayed for. The action was brought by the plaintiff to recover his fees as justice of the peace.

Joseph Smith, who is well known about town, entered the Waldorf saloon late Saturday afternoon, and seating himself in a chair, took a large dose of morphine, supposedly with suicidal intent. As he fell heavily to the floor, his art was discovered and he was removed to Brown's lodging house, where by medical treatment his life was saved.

The following men have been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to act as their substitutes on the board of Directors of the Kings County Chamber of Commerce: G. W. Gutherson, Sherman Hallsback, Rollin Newport, R. A. Moore and C. B. Curry.

HOTTENTOTS MAKE TROUBLE.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 28.—The Hottentots in German Southwest Africa are again on the war path. They recently raided some cattle posts near the Reichenaland border and murdered two Europeans. Seven German soldiers sent in pursuit of the raiders were all shot down by the Hottentots. There is great anxiety among the local residents.

BURGLAR SHOOTS WAY TO LIBERTY

Japanese Painfully Wounded By Marauder.

Change Takes Place in Ownership of Visalia Daily Delta.

VISALIA, Dec. 28.—T. Ori, a local Japanese, was shot at an early hour this morning while attempting, in company with another Japanese, to surprise a burglar at work in a pool hall in Chinatown. The shot was fired through an open window upon which the two were advancing and which was the burglar's only means of exit. The bullet entered the calf of the left leg and was extracted this afternoon. The wound is painful but not serious.

It was between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning that one of the Japanese, who sleeps in a room in the rear of the place, awoke to hear the sound of a person walking about on the interior. Investigation disclosed that the window opening upon the rear was open. He aroused a companion and the pair started to surprise the marauder.

The cash register had been tampered with and two drawers pried open, but nothing had been taken. The officers are investigating. It is believed to be the work of a Japanese.

A man giving his name as J. J. Leonard was arrested at Tipton yesterday by Constable Thompson and has been brought to the county jail on a charge of being the person who burglarized the Cason shooting gallery in this city recently, when three rifles and other articles were taken. Leonard, it is claimed, tried to dispose of one of the guns at Tipton, hence his arrest. He claimed to have bought the gun in San Francisco.

A sale was effected this afternoon of the interest of M. Davidson of Porterville in Visalia Delta, the interest being purchased by local parties. R. W. Dockham, who has been conducting a local job office, and Charles Whitmore, business manager of the Visalia plant of the Pacific Sugar Company, are the ostensible buyers, although it is understood that Charles G. Lamberson chairman of the Republican county central committee, and J. F. Gibson, prominent in the party, are the real purchasers. C. H. Gates, president, editor and manager, will retire and his place will be taken by Mr. Whitmore. Mr. Dockham will have charge of the job department and his shop will be merged with the paper. The purchase price is said to have been $17,000. This does not affect the interest of the Visalia Publishing Company, the owners of the Courier, which was merged with the Delta when the latter paper was purchased from Mr. Doty two years ago.

Visalia Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: High priest, I. Shiffert; king, Dan McFadzean; scribe, H. Jerusalem; secretary, H. Newman; treasurer, L. C. Hyde.

Frank Sholtz, arrested recently for the theft of a horse and buggy, will be released on his own recognizance. It is found that Sholtz is feeble-minded, having been for two years previously in a home for such persons. He is now but 17 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Howard, with whom he has been staying, have agreed to look after him. The case has not been dismissed and may be revived at any time by the district attorney.

A "Manger" service at the Episcopal church yesterday forenoon resulted in many gifts of food, clothing, toys, etc., being brought in for the benefit of the needy of the community. The articles have been turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Frank Orthman, formerly of this city, is here from Oakland, where he has been for some time, and will remain. Mrs. Orthman will arrive later.

Mrs. M. E. Power entertained this afternoon at bridge whist. There were a large number of invited guests. The decorations were of the Christmas order, very attractively arranged. Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. Power will entertain at five hundred.

Mrs. W. H. Spalding will receive on Thursday afternoon of this week in honor of three recent brides, Mrs. Sam. and Cary Dunlap of Los Angeles, Mrs. John Coffee Hays and Mrs. Harry T. Hays of Visalia.

Mrs. F. W. Gilbert will entertain at bridge on Wednesday afternoon.

There is no trace of the person supposed to have robbed Carl Henry of Coalinga, who died Saturday morning as the result of being run over by a Southern Pacific train. There are few clues upon which the officers can work.

DISCOVERS LOST ART OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Before leaving for Stockholm, whither he goes soon to receive the Nobel for the discovery of color photography, Professor Lippmann said that he expected to be able to reproduce on paper accurate photographs in color within a short time.

At present, by the simple action of luminous rays a naturally colored photograph of people or things is permanently imprinted upon glass; the only defect of the method is that but one such photograph can be made. Said Professor Lippman:

"I am trying now to obtain the negative of a color photograph which will permit an infinite reproduction. I may say I have so far succeeded as to obtain the negative of the spectrum. It is only the first step, but enough to show that it is entirely possible I may attain the wished-for result."

Professor Lippman foresees as the result of this latest discovery an entire revolution of color printing and the duplication of paintings as well as of photography.

WORKS WONDERS

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H. F. Martin, living at 212 Valeria St., Fresno, Cal., says: "I was troubled off and on for twenty years with bleeding hemorrhoids. The trouble gradually grew worse and gave me such annoyance and misery during the night that I was hardly able to sleep. I tried nearly everything that was brought to my attention but got no satisfactory relief until I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Huker and Colson's drug store. I used this remedy as directed and the trouble gradually grew less until it entirely disappeared. There have been some slight indications of a return since but I have always appealed to Doan's Ointment and the first application has served to banish the annoyance. Doan's Ointment is without exception the best preparation I ever used and I know that it does all that is claimed for it."

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BOY KILLED BY FRIGHT.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 28.—His nervous system shattered by a prank of his playmates, who held him under a tree which woodchoppers were felling and told him it would fall and kill him, 6-year-old Charles Tezer died of fright. He was taken ill shortly after the practical joke and became delirious, fancying himself about to be crushed by imaginary trees. The physicians attribute the boy's death solely to fright.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Rebekah lodge and my many friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted and sympathized with me in my late bereavement, the death of my devoted wife, Susie Martin.

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"SCOTTY" TO BE A MARINE

Death Valley Celebrity Tries to Enlist.

Says He's Tired of Setting the Pace—May Go to Cuba.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Walter L. Scott, otherwise known as "Death Valley Scotty," entered the United States recruiting office today and declared his intention of enlisting in the marine service.

Scotty came into prominence a few years ago when he arrived in Chicago on a special train with the announced intention of ridding himself of part of an unlimited fortune supposed to be located in Death Valley. His efforts to establish a reputation as the champion spender of the world occupied columns in the newspapers for a time. The source of his income was a matter of much speculation and it is said has never been cleared up.

"I have set the pace long enough," said Scotty today, "and this life does not agree with me. I am going to lead a quieter life."

If Scotty passes the physical examination set forth, later in the day he will join another batch of recruits and be sent to New York tomorrow, from which port after ten days spent in closing up his affairs, he will be sent to Cuba.

BANK COMMISSION IS HANDED ROAST

Napa Grand Jury Gets Caustic Over Recent Bank Failure at Calistoga.

NAPA, Dec. 28. Caustic criticism of the state bank commission for alleged dereliction, formed a part of the final report of the Napa grand jury, which concluded its labors today and was discharged.

Referring to the recent failure of the Bank of Calistoga, the grand jury h. its report says: "We found a distressing situation. It is evident to us that not all the sacredness trusted finance is practiced in great cities. We cannot too strongly condemn the course of the bank commissioners in letting this bank's affairs slide carelessly along without any proper investigation, even while the bank was being closed, opened and close again by order of that commission. The commissioners appear to have been entirely indifferent to the real conditions there. We firmly believe that the loss which has been suffered, could have been averted if any proper supervision had been exercised by the commissioners as contemplated by the statute."

AMERICAN WARSHIP IS AT WILLEMSTAD

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Dec. 28.—The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived today. The Des Moines was in communication with another American warship about five miles outside the harbor, believed to be the cruiser North Carolina. After the two vessels separated the second warship proceeded west.

Reliable information has reached here that Gen. Celestino Castro, the former president's brother, who was stationed in Carenas in command of Venezuelan troops, and who was reported to have come over to the side of President Gomez, has crossed the Colombian frontier and is expected to reach Cucuta, Colombia, very soon. Several others among the Castro adherents have also left the country.

ABSCONDING POSTMASTER OF MEXICO ADMITS GUILT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Martin R. Fuentes, who was arrested two weeks ago at Banning, under the name of Jesus Diaz Gomez, on a charge of embezzling $2600 Mexican money from the Mexican government while acting as postmaster at Teicaltiche, Jalisco, Mexico, admitted the charges against him at the hearing of the application for his extradition this afternoon in the federal court.

Fuentes expresses a willingness to return and be tried and will be held in custody until officers arrive from Mexico to take him back. He had been postmaster for about eleven years, having succeeded his father.

HATCH CASE GOES OVER.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 28.—Jackson Hatch, convicted of embezzling money from his client, Mrs. Sarah Sage, was to have been arraigned in department one of the superior court this morning on the indictment for the alleged forgery of her name to a note for $1,000, but the district attorney being engaged, the matter went over until next Monday, when he will appear for sentence under the embezzlement conviction. It is probable that the grand jury will be asked to look into the matter of a $5,000 note, which during his trial was alleged by the prosecution to be also a forgery.

MORSE FIRED TO DEFEND SELF.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—E. L. Morse, a relative of William G. Morse, son of the late Prof. Samuel F. B. Morse, under arrest in Trinidad, Lower California, charged with killing a Mexican, today received a dispatch from Trinidad saying that the deed was done in self-defense. Mr. Morse said William G. Morse was not a classmate at Yale of President-elect Taft, as had been stated.

MUSICIANS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Some of the foremost composers of the country are in attendance at the annual convention of the Music Teachers' National association which began here today. A series of recitals will be given.

WOMEN INJURED IN WRECK.

REDONDO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Mrs. William Kessler of Ocean Park and two other women were seriously injured this morning when a Los Angeles Pacific car bound for Redondo left the rails at Formosa. All twelve passengers were badly shaken up.

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FINCH CASE READY TO GO TO JURY

Defense of Prominent Attorney Rests on the Testimony of Two Women.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—The case of James A. Finch, charged with the murder of Ralph B. Fisher, prosecutor for the State Bar association, will probably be in the hands of the jury some time tomorrow afternoon. Today the defense concluded taking testimony, with the action of Miss Very Burkhart, Fisher's stenographer, and the introduction of the deposition of Finch's sick wife.

Mrs. Finch, in her direct evidence, swore that she requested her husband to purchase a revolver on the day of the shooting. In her cross testimony she stated that she had possessed a revolver at the time of the shooting. In his evidence, Finch swore that he shot Fisher after the latter had hit him (Finch) over the head with a natorial seat.

Two of the closing arguments in the case were made after the state finally rested. Special Prosecutor A. C. Spencer, for the state, argued for a verdict of murder in the first degree. W. W. Holcomb of counsel for the defense made the first closing argument for the defense. He argued that the prosecution had failed to make out a complete chain of evidence, that it had shown no motive and that on the contrary all the evidence showed that Finch had been subjected to persecution.

FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO KILL HUSBAND

Woman, Deranged from Accident, Deeds Property to Son Before Desperate Deed.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—After deeding her property, valued at $40,000, to her son in San Francisco, Mrs. J. E. Newman of this city loaded a revolver and went in search of her husband today. Newman saw her coming as he reached Hill and Ninth streets. He alleges his wife pointed the revolver at him and snapped it three times, but that the cartridges missed fire. Mrs. Newman stated to the police that she simply wanted to scare her husband.

Some years ago the woman was the victim of a terrible accident. It was found necessary to put a silver plate in her head. The officers believe that this operation has affected her mind and that she is temporarily deranged.

She was arraigned before Justice Chambers in the police court and sent to jail, where she will be detained until tomorrow.

In the meantime, specialists will make an examination as to her mental condition.

ANNOUNCE THE POOR FAILURE ON 'CHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The failure of H. W. Poor & Co., brokers and bankers, was anounced on the stock exchange today. Henry W. Poor made an assignment for the benefit of creditors last Saturday.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Judge Jackson, assignee of the Boston house of Henry W. Poor & Co., issued the following statement today:

"A meeting of the creditors of Henry W. Poor & Co. will be held probably on Wednesday. At this time a statement of affairs is in preparation to be submitted then. It is my idea that claims are generally secured and that assets are represented by equities in securities that have been pledged."

EMBEZZLEMENT CASE IS AT A STANDSTILL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—William A. Dolph, the Memphis business man who is held here awaiting the arrival of an extradition warrant on the charge of embezzlement, was not released today, nor did the application from the governor of Tennessee arrive, as was expected. Attorney Samuel M. Shortridge, who represents the prisoned, stated that no move would be made on behalf of his client until Wednesday, when the hearing of an application for a writ of habeas corpus would be heard. In addition Mr. Shortridge said:

"Mr. Dolph has no definite information concerning the nature of the charges against him and he has persisted in an attitude of readiness to meet any accusation that may be pendmeet any accusation that may be pending. If the papers arrive in due time and appear to be regular, it is likely that he will waive all technical proceedings and start at once for his home."

NIGHT RIDERS WILL TRY ALIBI DEFENSE

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The sudden illness of Arthur Chair, one of the defendants in the night rider cases, caused a suspension of the trial this afternoon. The state had completed its testimony and had rested.

"Bud" Morris and Sam Applewhite, both defendants, testified and denied any connection with the night riders.

The defense had the foundation for an alibi and proposes to put all the defendants on the stand and corroborate their testimony by members of their families. When asking for an adjournment on account of Chair's illness, the defense promised to be ready to resume tomorrow.

NATIONALISTS ARE STRONG IN PERSIA

TEHERAN, Dec. 28.—The Nationalist movement in the provinces is spreading and the provocative attitude of the Shah and the palace clique is rapidly increasing the unrest in the capital. A large number of Nationalists have taken refuge at the Turkish embassy and a hundred merchants have taken refuge at the Persian consulate in Resht.

ACCUSED OF ARSON.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—A. Hildebrandt was arraigned before Justice Seiph today charged with setting fire to the plant of the Electric Heat and Manufacturing Company at Dolgeville, December 8th. The case was continued until Saturday, when a date for the preliminary examination will be named. Hildebrandt was returned to the county jail in default of $5,000 bonds.

Hildebrandt was night watchman at the factory and disappeared after the fire being apprehended in San Diego, where, it is said, he confessed to the officers that he set fire to the building because his wages had not been paid.

GIFOFRD PINCHOT SETS OUT FOR CANADA AND MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Bearing invitations from President Roosevelt to President Diaz of Mexico and Premier Laurier and Lord Gray of Canada to appoint delegates to the National Conservation Conference to be held here February 18th, Gifford Pinchot left today for Canada and Mexico.

LIGHTSHIPS LEAVE CALLAO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The flotilla of lightships and lighthouse tenders, which sailed from New York or California points, departed yesterday from Callao for its destination, according to a report to the lighthouse boards' headquarters in New York.

TARIFF FRAMERS HARD AT WORK

Maximum and Minimum Duty Problem Is Being Considered in Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The work of preparing the revised tariff bill was resumed by the subcommittee of the house ways and means committee today. Two meetings were held today and there is every likelihood that the tariff framing committee, which consists of the Republican members of the full committee, will continue to hold daily meetings until the time comes to report the bill to congress at the special session in March.

Judge E. H. Gary has returned the printed copy of his testimony with the corrections he desires to make in the final report of the hearings. He does not change the substance of his testimony but has made several corrections in the figures which he gave while on the stand before the committee.

The tariff framers are giving considerable attention to the maximum and minimum duty problem in connection with the new tariff. Although the United States was the first to apply this method of securing favorable trade relations with other countries, it has never applied the principle to more than a few articles, while several foreign countries have adopted the system to cover everything.

If a maximum and minimum tariff bill becomes a law, it will be possible for the president to extend the benefits of the minimum tariff to those countries which give to this country the benefit of their differential rates of duty. Great Britain would secure the benefits of our minimum rates because it levies no duties on importations. Germany and France, each of which has a maximum and minimum tariff law, would probably prefer to grant to this country their schedule on duties if the same privilege is extended to their importers.

The United States has treaties with France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland, granting a reduction in the duties on certain articles only.

Henry D. Clayton of Alabama, chairman of the Democratic caucus of the house, today expressed his views as to the Democratic attitude in the proposed revision of the tariff. "I have the most implicit confidence in the capacity of Champ Clark and his Democratic associates of the ways and means committee," said Mr. Clayton, "and would in no particular invade their appointed jurisdiction to speak for my party in committee deliberations on the tariff. Indeed, I would vote for any revenue measure they might propose, but as a Democrat and the representative of a country grievously oppressed by the atcions of the private interests of the Dingley law, I do not believe it impertinence on my part to offer some suggestions.

"In my opinion it is not sufficient for the Democrats in the congress to assume an attitude of simple negation and merely oppose what the Republicans offer. We must formulate an entire tariff bill covering every schedule, and go to the committee of the whole with it, champion it, demand revision on its every schedule and ask for the yeas and nays on it in the house. The bill should be carefully considered in principle and in detail—in short it should be a measure we can go to the country on.

"Then we are to have, so it is said, the maximum and minimum, which is another name for reciprocity. Of course, the Republicans will insist on making the maximum as big as they care; but our bills might fit it for the minimum in some schedules and we should press it.

"The Republicans can not revise the tariff 'down.' Who gathers figs from thistles or grapes from thorns? And yet that is the crop of figs and grapes Cannon, Aldrich, Burrows, Dalzell and company will give.

"We want a complete bill on which to go to the country in 1910."

STANDARD OIL WILL APPEAL OUSTER SUIT

Attorney Says State of Missouri Cannot Take Away Property Without Ceremony.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—That the attorneys of the Standard Oil Company will apply to the Supreme Court of Missouri for a rehearing of the ouster suit recently decided adversely to the company, was indicated today. A motion for a rehearing must be filed not later than next Saturday. Alfred D. Eddy of Chicago, general Western attorney for the Standard Oil Company, and Frank Hagerman, local attorney for the company, today conferred on the plan of procedure.

The company owns valuable refining plants at Sugar Creek, near this city. "I do not believe," Mr. Hagerman said today, "that, after having encouraged the company to invest a great amount of money in this refinery, the state can throw us out without ceremony and take our property from us."

EFFORT TO SECURE ANOTHER RECEIVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Thomas F. Gilroy, receiver under the state law for the Fidelity Funding Company, was subjected to a searching examination by Frank Crocker, attorney for William H. Dorothy, the Hodge and Home Company, and the Burke Furnace Company, all of Chicago, who are seeking the appointment of a federal receiver in Mr. Gilroy's place.

Mr. Gilroy was unable to state the unsecured indebtedness of the concern. He gave assets at $27,000 in personal accounts of Kiernan and $400,000 to $500,000 in claims on the company against various banks which he alleged had permitted Kiernan to use the company's funds.

He estimated the total deficit at $800,000, the cash assets being $24,000.

IS MORGAN TO BUY ANOTHER RAILWAY?

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 28.—The Evening Post says:

"It is learned here today that the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad is about to make a most important move by establishing its own passenger station in New York City, in the vicinity of Third avenue and Thirty-fourth street. It is stated that the New Haven company has just brought to a successful conclusion negotiations by which it will take over the Third Avenue Street Railway company of New York, now in the hands of a receiver."

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—At the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. it was stated that nothing of the reported intention of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to purchase the Third Avenue Street railroad was known.

INJURED AMBASSADOR CALLS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Senor Barrios, the Guatemalan minister of foreign affairs, who recently was seriously injured in an automobile accident, called at the White House today and will sail for home on December 30th. A bandage across the face was the only trace of his injury.

CHINA FINANCIALLY IN A TIGHT PLACE

Railroad Deals Do Not Prosper and Humiliating Borrowing Is Resorted to.

PEKIN, Dec. 28.—Grand Councillor Chang Chi Tung, who last summer was appointed controller of the Canton-Hankow railroad, has been made controller of the Hankow-Szechuan line. The reason for this appointment is said to be the complete failure of the government to raise domestic loans for the development of the latter road. The government has authorized a foreign loan for the Canton-Hankow line and it is believed a similar loan on the Hankow-Szechuan road soon will be sanctioned.

The recent failure of the board of communications to float a domestic loan of $5,000,000 to pay the shareholders of the national telegraph system has embarrassed the government seriously, and Chen Pi, president of the board, is negotiating with British, French, German and Japanese banks for this money. The terms are humiliating to the government, but the money must be raised in two months.

CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR 7 NEW DEPOTS

To Build at Pleasanton, Niles, Decoto, Sunol, Livermore, San Leandro, Haywards.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28. — Contracts for the construction of seven freight and passenger stations between Oakland and Stockton were signed by the Western Pacific Company today. Combination stations will be constructed at Pleasanton, Niles, Decoto, and Sunol, and freight buildings at Livermore, San Leandro, and Haywards, all buildings to be of the mission architectural design. The company announced that the western end of the track laid from the eastward has reached Elko, Nevada, where a pause to permit the building of freight yards will be made. The end of the eastbound track is now at French Creek, Cal., about twenty miles from Oroville.

PROTEST AGAINST ALIEN MUSICIANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The President today had a long talk with E. V. Gavegan, an attorney repersenting labor interests in New York; Joseph N. Waser, president of the American Federation of Musicians; and Phillip Hauser, president of the New York Union of Musicians, who claim that alien musicians are being brought into the country in large numbers and contracted to displace American musicians.

The president was told that in New York City, whole orchestras of aliens have been brought to hotels and that the same was true as to Chicago and other cities. The President also was told that the foreigners included many Mexicans and that if the laws were interpreted differently by the immigration service of the department of Commerce and Labor, the invasion could be stopped.

Not only were American musicians losing their positions, the President was told, but the foreigners were cutting prices. The President gave his visitors a note to Secretary Straus of the department of Commerce and Labor asking that a full report be made to him as to the charges.

OFFICER ACCUSED OF SLY TRICKERY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—General F. A. Smith, commander of the Department of California, issued orders today directing that Lieut. Thomas A. Jones, coast artillery, appear before a courtmartial tomorrow to answer to charges of conduct unbecoming an officer which have been filed against him. The principal charge is that Jones wrote a letter to the post adjutant at Fort Mason, where he is stationed, making accusations of official misconduct against Quartermaster-Sergeant McMasters. Thirty-second company coast artillery, to which a fictitious name was signed.

JAIL ESCAPE IDENTIFIED.

MOREHEAD, Minn., Dec. 28.—United States Marshal Merrifield of Montana arrived today and immediately identified George Wolff as George T. Frankhauser, the man who escaped from jail in Helena last March. He was held there charged with robbing a North Pacific train. Frankhauser admitted that he was the man wanted. He will be returned to Montana.

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ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

The terrible earthquake in Sicily and Southern Italy has probably not destroyed so much property as the San Francisco earthquake and fire, because there is not so much to destroy, but it has unquestionably produced more human havoc and terror. The people in that region live in closely-built cities and villages, of stone houses, with tile roofs, and when these fall down, as they will in a severe earthquake, they kill many people. The population, too, is less self-possessed and resourceful than the population of San Francisco. The people are in hysterics, and instead of providing themselves with shelter, they are parading with the bones of saints.

The earthquake itself, also, is more terrible. The San Francisco earthquake was of the type known as geotectonic—that is, it was a readjustment by slipping into new positions of deep strata gradually strained to the breaking point. Such an earthquake, when it is over, is over, except for mild aftertremors, and there are no eruptions or tidal waves. If there had been no fire following, in San Francisco, the terror would have been over in a day, and the damage would have been repaired and forgotten in a summer. But the earthquake at the toe of Italy and in Sicily are explosions in Aetna. They are followed by tidal waves, which engulf seaport towns, and they are likely to be followed soon after by a great eruption from Mt. Aetna. Also, there is no assurance that the first great shock will be the last or worst. So the people are justified in a terror which their temperament further exaggerates.

The Italian government will of course at once provide temporary relief, and investigate the full extent of the disaster. Whether it will then be necessary to call on the world for relief funds will be known as soon as the first confusion is cleared. If relief is needed, California should not be the last to respond. We have ourselves experienced the generosity of the world.

SMALL POLITICS

The effort of certain small politicians to stir up a controversy over the nominations of the Chamber of Commerce for road commissioners is a particularly offensive piece of petty politics. To avoid confusion, it may be worth while to recall the exact history of this petition for a good roads' bond election, and the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce that M. F. Tarpey, W. F. Chandler and F. K. Prescott be named as the commissioners, to be responsible for the spending of the funds.

As is well known, a government expert has been in Fresno for some time, at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, investigating the road-making conditions and the available materials. It was on his suggestion that the matter should be brought to a head, if further progress was to be made, that the good roads' committee, and then the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce took the initiative some two or three weeks ago, in starting the petition and suggesting the commissioners. The idea of making known in advance the names of the proposed commissioners was also based on the experience of the government engineers, in similar undertakings elsewhere. The names of Messrs. Tarpey, Chandler and Prescott were proposed to the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce by its Good Roads committee, of which H. W. Swift is chairman. The purpose was to select three gentlemen of such unquestioned public standing, that they would at once inspire the confidence of the entire county. There are doubtless other men of equal character and ability in the county, and there may even be others whose character and ability are as well known and universally recognized, but there are certainly no three men in the county of whom these statements can be made in higher degree than of the three selected.

The consent of Messrs. Chandler and Prescott to allow their names to be used was secured only after much urging, and by an appeal to their sense of public duty. One of the gentlemen also expressed his doubt whether a road bond election at this time could be successful. Mr. Tarpey was absent in Washington, and his consent was not asked. When he returned, he said that if he had been here he would have protested against the use of his own name, but since it had been agreed on, with the other two, in his absence, he would not refuse to serve. The report of the good roads committee was unanimously and enthusiastically accepted by the executive committee of the Chamber, all of whom recognized in the three men named a remarkably fortunate selection. In fact, that was, and still is the opinion of everybody interested in good roads rather than in small politics. The idea of politics never occurred to anybody, until it was raised by sundry political pinheads, who were characteristically oblivious of the standing of the gentlemen concerned as business men, and remembered only the incidental fact that two of them are actively Republicans, and that the third, though a life-long Democrat of national prominence, voted this year for Taft. For the purposes of this election, it would have been as pertinent to inquire what churches or fraternal organizations they belonged to.

We do not believe that the objectors to Messrs. Tarpey, Chandler and Prescott number a dozen men, all told, in the county. But these dozen or less, have succeeded in making an amount of fuss whose only effect, if continued, would be to jeopardize the passage of the bonds. And if that is their purpose, there are directer and decenter ways to do it. The passage of the bonds, in any case, will depend on the confidence of the people in the commissioners who are to spend the money. The people will not vote the bonds unless they know in advance who these commissioners are to be. A better selection than the three proposed by the Chamber of Commerce could not possibly be made, and even if these were to withdraw, it would be practically impossible to secure the consent of others as good, if the barking small politicians of the county are to be turned loose at the heels of whoever is proposed. What is wanted is good business men, whose character and ability are beyond suspicion, and who are widely enough known so that all the voters have confidence in them. The three gentlemen proposed were chosen for this reason and no other. And it has not even been suggested that they lack these qualifications, or that it would be possible to pick out of the county any three gentlemen who surpass them, or many who equal them, in these respects.

The Evening Squawk predicts that the raisin growers will succeed, provided they get no help from the Republican. Fortunately, there is no danger that they will get either help or hindrance from the Squawk. The raisin growers do not read it, and therefore neither know nor care what it says.

FLOOR JOISTS ARE MADE OF CONCRETE

This Obviates the Expensive Monolithic Method of Floor Construction in Buildings.

The use of concrete as a universal building material is conceded by all who have studied its nature to be only a question of time and of improvements on the present methods of handling.

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This article, however, has only to deal with floors, and it is in this instance that concrete offers as many, if not more, advantages as a building material than in any other place. As the floor of a building is virtually the keynote of fireproof construction, and at the same time has to support the greatest diversified kinds of loads, concrete by its great strength, its fire resisting nature and the flexibility with which it can be adapted to various forms and shapes, is the ideal material.

The drawback to a more extensive use seems to lie largely in the present seeming necessity of manufacturing or building the floor as one piece in the building. This monolithic method of floor construction has several disadvantages. At the present high prices of lumber and labor the building and placing of the centering and staging, all preliminary but necessary work, is about as costly as the building of the floor itself. Then the excessive amount of labor required to transport the steel reinforcement, the fills of cinder filling, and the wet concrete to position, and the very careful supervision and inspection to see that every portion is rightly placed, is always a source of worry to both architect and contractor. In large factory buildings, time is sometimes the most important consideration, and the forms and centering must be left in place from twenty to thirty days, retarding the rushing of interior work and also the building of the next story above, as the green floor cannot carry this weight until thoroughly cured.

All of these disadvantages have caused the building fraternity of this country to desire some sort of a concrete lumber, that could be secured in a ready made state, in which the details of its manufacture could be in a way governed and handled like the manufacture of steel sections.

Realizing this need in concrete construction there has now been designed a floor system of portable concrete joists. These joists are a factory made unit of floor construction, each one complete in itself, and can easily be adapted to meet the requirements of each individual building. They are built in the shape of an I beam and are laid in the building with flanges touching and form, in addition to floor joists, a ceiling for the room below requiring only plastering to make a finished ceiling. These advantages in the laying of a concrete floor now place the material on a par with steel for such use.—Cement Age.

EXTERMINATING RATS IN JAPAN

As a measure against bubonic plague the Japanese government is waging a systematic war against rats. Not only has a price been set on the head of every rat, says the January Popular Mechanics, but every person who brings in a rat receives a numbered ticket which might entitle the holder to a large prize in a special lottery, and rat poison is being supplied free to all who apply. During the periods of housecleaning, superintended by the sanitary authorities, more than usual precautions are taken to see that not a rat escapes. When a house, shop, or warehouse is found to be thickly populated by the rodents, the place is disinfected, a rat-proof zinc fence being placed around it to cut off their escape. These fences are embedded in the ground so that the rats can not dig their way beneath them. The article is illustrated.

STARTING FOREST IN TOMATO CANS

A new and unique industry is described in the January Popular Mechanics. A Western man has been successful in planting tree seeds, nuts and cuttings in refuse tin cans, and can now show an oak tree 25 feet high only eight years of age, and a redwood grown from seed which is now thirty feet high and only twelve years old. He insists that a tomato can with a fair-sized hole punched through the bottom is just the thing needed to start a tree in, and if the good dirt in the can is never allowed to become dry the growth will be amazing. Later the little trees are transplanted without removal from the cans, for the rust eats away the bottom sufficiently to allow the roots to free themselves as they need more room.

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Rex Beach, big and blithe and weighing one hundred and ninety, is the happiest young author in the United States today. He has written the novel he wanted to write. It is a big story; it is the last of his Alaskan stories, a sequel to "The Barrier," which was a sequel to "The Spoilers."

"Like all authors," he remarked, "I had to have a 'trilogy.' Also, I had to tell the people what happened to Cherry Malotte. I hope they like her finish," and he grinned a boyish grin at me.

"What's it all about?" I asked.

"Salmon fisheries. It's a big thing, that business; next biggest thing to lumber on the Pacific coast. And's it's typically American, too. My hero and my heroine join forces to buck the trust. Do they win out? He polished his finger nails on his coat sleeve in elephantine playfulness. "Well, rather!" was his reply.

"What's the name of it?"

"'The Silver Horde.' It will run serially in a new magazine—be sure you put its name in this interview because I've got some stock in it. Hampton's Broadway Magazine. That's right. Then the Harpers will bring it out in book form; and then I'll get a hammer and chisel and make it into a play. If there's any other way of getting money out of it, I'll do that." He lit his fourth cigar and waited patiently for the interview slaughter.

"How did you break into the writing game, anyway?" I asked him.

He yawned neatly, flicked an imaginary piece of lint off his sleeve, crooked his little finger, crossed his legs, and began:

"Mine has been a hard life. Ah! Yes, yes. You see, I am not really an author. No, not really. I know I am not an author because authors don't have to carry anything. My job in life for many years was to carry things—you know—on my shoulders—logs, trunks, small ships—coils of rope—sledges—sacks of ore. And finally, bricks. Large, Illinois bricks—"

"One moment," I interrupted. "Begin at the beginning of this terrible career, please."

He buttoned his neat blue coat and frowned down upon me—he is six feet two; and half that across the shoulders.

"I was born in 1877. My folks lived on a farm amidst the chilblains of Michigan until I had reached the precocious little age of seven. The climate was fierce and the grub was worse. There was nothing to eat up there except frozen apples. At this period my father suddenly discovering that he had frozen the feet off every member of the Beach family, decided quite wisely to move south—as far south as there was room to move. We started for Florida, via the lusty and interesting Mississippi river.

"There were no railroads in our part of Michigan at that time, and if there had been one in this particular section nobody thereabouts had enough real money to buy a ticket anywhere, and we were shy about offering frozen apples to the conductor in return for transportation. So we joined out with a fisherman who owned a schooner. He supplied the schooner; we gave him an interest in the Mississippi river. Thus everybody was satisfied. There were other Michiganders on the boat, thousands of them it seemed—so many that I was constantly in the way. Being the only child aboard I was hot favorite with that crowd. They couldn't keep their hands off me. I fell overboard once but somebody mistook me for another passenger and rescued me. It was a great disappointment for all concerned, and it nearly spoiled the trip.

"At Chicago, I saw for the first time a man smoking a cigarette. Once before, in Michigan, I had seen two cigars which a traveling man had carried with him through that state. At St. Louis, father took me to my first theater. It was a minstrel show with a wax-works exhibit on the side; and I must have been overawed, for frequently my father had to warn me to close my mouth and once he had to pry my knees loose from the neck of the man sitting in front of me. Little authority already curious about humanity.

"Well, we got to Florida, engaged in the business of growing oranges and sending Rex to school, and froze out down there. We were sorry—it was so much like Michigan. Everybody went broke. This, too, was like Michigan. There was nothing to 'eat but frozen oranges. So I went to Chicago to study law. Every morning I packed a law book under one arm and an apple and glass of milk under the other and went lawing. All to no avail, however; all to no avail. Then I learned to be a football player.

"I introduced myself to the captain of the Chicago Athletic association team and said I felt in me the vicious hunger to be brutal and wear shin guards and have my name in the sporting papers, and board at a training table. He looked me over and felt my bumps, then asked me if I was a good player. 'Immense,' I assured him with becoming modesty.

"'Where have you played?' he inquired.

"'In the South,' I answered vaguely.

"'What position?'

"'All of them.' I blush now at the memory. It was my first and finest lie. Since then I have often tried to lie. I would like to be a good liar but can't make it stick. I didn't know a football from an electric belt, but I steeled myself with thoughts of that training table, and he tried me out. I met the team and played all that season. I got hurt at the first practice and every game thereafter something worse happened to me. I had sprains, lesions, and compound fractures, but I stuck to that training table, for there were no frozen apples nor frosted oranges on the menu. We won the championship and when the season had closed I went to the captain and acknowledged my deceit, for my conscience was water-logged.

"'I was never on a gridiron in my life and never saw a football game till this fall,' said I.

"'So I judged when I saw you play,' he remarked, which went to show me that a good lie can't be improved upon.

"Then I learned to swim. Record swimming, you know. Every time a newspaper man came around to the gym, we would gather by the gentle tankside, hold up our index fingers, and say: 'Record, sir? Very well, sir. What kind, sir?' Then we would dip in and hut out a new record for the waiting representative of the press.

"Meanwhile I was reading Blackstone, but I didn't like the plot; there wasn't any action. How he ever got into the 'six best sellers' I don't know. I put my feet on the desk and read what a lot of highbrows had to say about 'Torts,' 'Contracts,' and 'Common Law,' but never got one good stomach laugh out of the whole bunch. I preferred Richard Harding Davis or George Ade. Sometimes I went on a still hunt for witnesses and drugged them into court, then rode herd on them while my two brothers told the jury how their clients had been abused. My brothers are real lawyers, orators you know, with eloquence to burn. The only eloquence I have developed was when I drove a dog team. A lot of those clients were Polacks and Montenegrins and Russians whose names sounded like a bad cough, and most of them smelled worse than they sounded, so I went to Alaska.

"Yes, yes. A-seeking gold. To cut a long story short, I found two honest men in that whole country. One of them is my partner now in a claim up there that is paying us big money every year. I forget who the other man was. But I went broke—then busted—then broke—then busted—then broke again, time after time. At this stage of my career I developed my genius for carrying things, above alluded to. Whenever there was anything too heavy or too dirty for any of the Indians to tote, the foreman always used to yell: 'Where's Beach?' And little Beach came meekly forward and toted it. Sometimes I strayed away—so they put a bell on me. I got so I chewed a cud and flapped my ears.

"After I had stevedored all the freight that had to be transferred from the United States into Alaska, I went back and mined zinc in Missouri. They snowed me! I turned a promoter next, never having been a promoter. I took a coal dredge to Nome to see if I could not work the beach. I found that I couldn't. Along with a few thousand other and better promoters I went broke so fast that I buzzed. I decided that I wasn't a real promoter, for I couldn't go home and rave the music, and yet I couldn't keep to that steam boiler nor even feed any part of the fittings to my engineers. Times were tough in Nome that year and there was less money than in Michigan or Florida, and no apples, so I girded up my rubber boots and got busy. I was game for any financial enterprise from pten and tops to manslaughter. The only thing I barred was a lead pipe. The nights were too short to use the latter, anyhow; there wasn't any darkness whatever. I tried everything from vocal lessons to longshoring, for I knew there must be some money concealed somewhere in the world. Meanwhile those engineers sat on my dredge and ate their wage in the most extortionate manner possible, clamoring discordantly for employment. I found a mine and hypnotized the owner into setting a price on it, then found a fellow who had a roll of money with a rubber band around it pinned up in his inside vest pocket with a safety pin, I talked him into a coma and before he had recovered consciousness he owned the claim. I set those tender-handed engineers of mine at work with picks and shovels and gloated over them. We struck it rich. I continued to gloat. Then the pay streak pinched out.

"For two years I followed the game, stampeding from Cook's Inlet to the Arctic, a little matter of three or four thousand miles, mining, prospecting, speculating. Sometimes I was poor, then I was broke. No matter how evil my fortunes, I knew they were certain to get worse. Finally I came back to Chicago to spar for wind. Here, not knowing anything about fire brick, I of course, engaged in the brick industry. About the time I got so that I could tell a brick from a nosegay of pink nasturtiums, I took on an interest in a contracting business. We built furnaces, erected chimneys, and installed power plants. I knew less about this than I did fire brick, but being a director of the several companies, nobody dared to tell me so. I was doing very well, thank you, when a friend of mine put me wise to a perfect mint of money that was going to waste in the author business. He proudly displayed to me samples of his own handicraft as a fiction writer. These samples were printed in a harvester company's trade journal.

"'Do they pay money for that stuff?' I asked, in alarm.

"'They do,' said the proud friend, 'I get ten dollars apiece for each story.'

"It looked easy and appealed to me strangely, for an author doesn't have to carry anything, not even a suitcase full of brick samples. Why should I fire-brick after that? I asked myself. So I sat down and manhandled a piece about Alaska. I sent it to one of the big New York magazines, thinking to start at the top and let it work down to the Poultryman's Review by the natural law of gravitation. But the big magazine took it; and the big magazine editor came out to Chicago to see me. He introduced me to a lot of nice-looking literary people who, it seems, aid him in his nefarious job of publishing a magazine once every thirty days. 'This is Beach,' he said to them. I carefully lapped one foot over the other and looked bashful. 'Beach! Beach!' they echoed. They knew me. The evil was done.

"I went back to the office and threw bricks around the room until there wasn't a sample left. I became an author. I went to Chicago, rented a blank office in the Fine Arts Building (I chose the name purposely), locked myself in, and whote 'The Lowing of Alaska' — twenty thousand words. Then I started 'The Spoilers.' Also a nice batch of short stories.

"My appearance in New York with all this material; my plunge into the 'literary world' there—ah, it is like a dream, a bewildering dream. I sold the stuff right and left. I pulled in five thousand dollars to start with. Then I went out with a club after anybody that had money—editors, theatrical managers, everybody. My slogan was 'How dare you have money? Gimme that!'—with a brusque, ungentlemanly gesture—and I got it.

"When I wrote my first play the critics all got even with me. The next morning the querulous plaint of all of them was one and the same thing. Yes. Each one of 'em hammered the same sad, minor key. It was, 'How dare you write a play?' There is no answer. I now live in New York, you see, so nothing matters.

"But I am not a real author, I know. I feel distrait. I ought to be carrying something. Therefore, whenever I can't stand it any longer I go up to Alaska and hunt bear."

Beach lives on upper Broadway, New York. He works hard, and, for recreation, boxes and wrestles and drives a 70-horsepower Panhard.

"My rate for fiction is one gallon of gasoline a word," he said. Once every year or two I go back to Alaska to look after my mining property, to hunt bear, and to get away from New York. bear, and to get away from New York. My apartment is full of bear skins—My apartment is full of bear skins—polars, grizzlies, browns and blacks. I have mountain sheep heads from the Rockies, tarpon from Texas, and trophies from other sections.

"The only man I have found who would go where I wanted to is Fred Stone, the comedian of 'The Wizard of Oz,' and 'Red Mill' fame. He is a good shot, a fine athlete, a thorough sportsman, and a better comedian 'off' than 'on.' A part of our outfit invariably consists of a set of boxing gloves.

We went up into the glacier region of the Alaskan range this summer in search of the rare 'blue' or 'ice' bear. We expect to go back again next season and try to capture one alive, as no specimen has ever been brought into captivity."

Probably, all told, six million people have read "The Spoilers." More are reading "The Barrier"; and as for "The Silver Horde," it ought to excel both his former successes.

"The Silver Horde" will be the most mature work of this vigorous young writer, a careful yet animated, vital piece of fiction. Rex Beach is not simply a humorist, though he prefers to look on the sunny side of things. He is a big, powerful, earnest young man with a deep appreciation of the energetic grandeur of American life. And a great deal of this I saw in the advance proof-sheets of "The Silver Horde" which he showed me. I came to this conclusion as I shook his heavy hand: "A big, thrilling, warm, human story, this 'Silver Horde,' by a big, warm, human man."

S. S. Catarrh

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Annual January Stock Adjusting Sale

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This store is always keenly alive and progressive. It won't carry over goods from one season to another if they can be sold.

It's in line with this policy that this great sale will be launched.

The price isn't as important as the sale of winter goods, and we will name prices so low that the selling will be immense.

This sale will be distinctly unique and different from any to which your attention may be directed. It will be the stellar attraction for January shoppers. Just stick a pin there.

Tuesday's Welcome---After the Holiday Bargains

Outing Flannel
An eight-cent quality, light colors; pink or blue stripes; yard ..... 5¢

Kimono Flannels 15c
Full yard-wide twilled or fleeced backs; strikingly pretty patterns; 20c quality, yd. 15¢

Corset Cover Sales
Some pretty and effective styles; materials in soft finished cambric; nicely trimmed with good lace and embroidery: 25c grades for ..... 19¢
30c grades for ..... 38¢

Childs' Sweaters 63c
A very warm and durable garment; wool mixed, nicely finished closely woven; a dollar value for ..... 63¢

Tam O'Shanter Sale
Women's or misses' angora cloth tams; good colors, red or white. Extra special value $1.00

12 1-2c Flannel 10c
Plain gray outing flannel; soft, thick, fleecy. Special, yard ..... 10¢

Fine Hosiery 50c
Women's lisle stockings in an exceptionally good 65c quality; very handsome polka dot patterns. Special today, pair ..... 50¢

Handkerchief Sales
For Women. They will make some very acceptable New Year's gifts. Pure linen, fine sheer quality, hemstitched or fancy borders; 25c grades ..... 20¢
20c grades ..... 15¢

Men's Work Shirts
In an excellent quality of standard shirting; good colors, full cut, non-fading, reinforced seams. Special today..... 42¢

Grocery Specials
Large Navel Oranges, dozen ..... 15¢
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Women's flannelette night gowns that match many of the $1.75 qualities of other stores; light or medium colors; full cut. Special $1.15
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Bazaar Bargains
$1.25 Purses today ..... 98¢
10c Glycerine Soap ..... 7¢
35c Box Jergen's Soap... 25¢
50c Box Writing Paper.. 38¢
75c Fancy Back Comb.. 68¢
$1.75 Silver Inlaid Comb $1.58
75c Large Carved Barrettes ..... 68¢

Boys' Underwear
For winter use; extra heavy cotton, full cut, shirts or drawers; warmly fleeced garment ..... 25¢

Women's Slippers
Soft, warm, fur-trimmed Juliettes; better than the usual dollar grades; colors red or black. Today, pair ..... 79¢

Women's Patent Leather
A really sensational value, genuine patent leather dress shoes, in a number of well known makes; dull kid tops, light or heavy soles. Among them, shoes worth up to $3.00 a pair. Choice $1.49

Men's Overcoat Sale
Again we call your attention to these $12.50 Cravenette Overcoats. We believe them to be the best overcoat value to be found in Fresno; strictly waterproof; very sightly and guaranteed to give good service. See them $12.50

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WIRELESS WRITES OWN MESSAGES

A typewriter operated by wireless telegraphy is the wonderful production of a Danish inventor's ingenuity. The apparatus is described with illustrations in the January number of Popular Mechanics. By working the keyboard of a sending typewriter, a little pin corresponding with that particular key comes in contact with a traveling metallic band, and so starts an electric wave from the antennae of the wireless apparatus. This wave is caught by the antennae at the distant station, is communicated to the receiving machine and is recorded by it on paper as the letter of the alphabet.

COLLEGE MAN NO STICKER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—H. B. Riley, president of the Chicago Title & Trust company, declared in an address that "the college man does not stick."

"I have no doubt," he says, "but that a man with training in imagination, derived from a college education, can advance rapidly. But I would rather have a man in business who can do percentage than one who can do differential calculus.

"The fixity of purpose and grasp of detail are what the university man does not get.

"The best man in business is the man with the greatest imagination. He must also have the moral courage to go broke if necessary and not resort to crooked work to keep afloat."

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TRAVELED NEARLY A MILLION MILES

Even in these days of the globe trotter, when men of money are putting in their time encircling the world in ocean caravansaries and trains de luxe, it is seldom that a traveler reaches the million mile mark in his touring. Either he or his money is likely to give out before he has covered more than a few laps around the sphere. And men, like steamship or railroad employes, whose business keeps them on the move, do not often keep going until the million mile lap is completed.

So when you come across a man who is nearing that mark he appears more or less interesting, not only because he has kept going so much, but because he has stayed in one place so little.

Walter G. Thompson, chief steward of the P. & O. liner Korea, is nearing the million mile mark in his travels. He is the oldest chief steward on the trans-Pacific route, and yet he appears to be scarcely middle aged. It was in 1886 that he first began to travel in and out of the Golden Gate on the old steamer Gaelic, between San Francisco and ports of the Far East. He stuck to the Gaelic for nineteen years, until the steady old liner, having outlived her usefulness on this line, was sent back to Liverpool to her English owners.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF STATE PRESS

Rockefeller's Valuable Nickel

When John D. Rockefeller gave a five cent tip the other day it was a piece of news costing a goodly little sum in telegraph tolls, typesetting, paper, etc. It is the nickel that's going around the world. Really, it won fully as much newspaper space as a new Carnegie library.

And the billionaire seemed to know its importance for he told the waiter to put it in the bank, but the waiter can do a smarter thing than that.

He can have the Rockefeller nickel mounted in gold with a suitable inscription and sell it as a curio.—San Francisco Examiner.

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This big sale started yesterday with a rush. Hundreds availed themselves of the greatest values in ready-to-wear garments ever offered in town. Every garment must go; all new, this season's styles—**Cloaks, Suits, Skirts, Waists, Furs, Children's Coats, Petticoats, Wrappers, Silk Dresses, Kimonos**—everything in the department at one-quarter off the price. This sale is not a case of what we want to sell you. It's what you want to buy. You select your own garment from our entire stock, anything you want, no matter what it is or what the price, and we give you

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Any Hart Schaffner & Marx Overcoat or Raincoat $18.65

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WEATHER

GENERAL CONDITIONS

A crest of high barometric pressure extends across the country from California to the middle Atlantic coast. The weather is generally cloudy over the maritime states and clear in the interior.

The temperature is above the normal on the Gulf coast, while it is cool in all other sections, being but slightly above zero in Western Colorado. Light precipitation fell in Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Vermont. A storm is moving eastward over British Columbia which has caused rain or snow over Oregon and Washington. It is raining at Roseburg and snowing at Baker City. Pressure conditions indicate cloudy weather with fog at Fresno and vicinity tonight and Tuesday.

J. P. LOLTON, Official in Charge.

Temperature (dry bulb)	35
Temperature (wet bulb)	35
Humidity	84
Wind, S.E. (mi. per hr.)	3
Maximum temperature	35
Minimum temperature	31
Today's rainfall	0
Rainfall to date	1.12

Clouds, with fog on Tuesday.

LOCAL BREVITIES

It would be a good idea
To commence trading at Hollands'
The first of the year.

Dr. Aiken, Patterson Block.

Ask for Danish creamery butter.

Kate Parsons, florist, 1915 Fresno St.

Dr. Cockrill dentist, Patterson Block.

Dr. R. B. Hollingsworth, Forsyth Bldg.

Ask your grocer for Mt. Campbell oranges.

Horses boarded, Black Hawk Stables, M. 171.

Turkeys wanted at Santa Fe Market, opposite Santa Fe depot.

Ask your grocer for Mt. Campbell oranges, best on the market.

Grand ball Wednesday night, December 30, at Armory hall by Canton Fresno No. 36, I. O. O. F.

Annual ball, given by Council No. 22, U. P. E. C., at A. O. U. W. hall Tuesday December 29. Price 50c. Ladies free.

The Danish Lutheran church of which H. Hansen is the pastor will hold Christmas services at 250 Abby street at 11 a. m. today.

The funeral of G. B. Vlahusich will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from his late residence, No. 2127 Ventura street.

James Whitney and wife of this city are at the Key Route hotel in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shayne of Fresno are in Oakland, registered at the Key Route hotel.

The supervisors will hold the final session for the year today, having adjourned until this forenoon to take up and consider the specifications for the proposed elevator in the court house building.

Having leased the California Stables, 2131 Kern street, we are now open for business. We kindly solicit your trade in livery and transient. We also buy and sell live stock, horses and wagons. Bray & Appley.

The funeral of Mrs. Susie Marlin was held yesterday afternoon. Her death occurred on Saturday. She was the wife of J. R. Marlin, the candymaker, and the daughter of C. D. Davis, a pioneer surveyor of the county. Surviving in this city are husband and three little girls aged 2, 3½ and 5 years, also her mother, Mrs. Susie A. Davis and sister Mrs. T. E. Ball and another sister, Mrs. G. A. Tollard of Porterville.

PERSONAL MENTION

Frank Heim returned on the Owl last night from San Francisco.

E. Frizzell, the manager of the Kearney estate, was a returning passenger on the Owl last night from San Francisco.

H. C. Shelton has returned from a visit to his daughter, who lives in San Francisco.

S. E. Goodman came in on the Owl last night from San Francisco.

J. L. Harlan of Woodland is stopping at the Grand Central.

R. B. Atwell of Milwaukee is a guest at the Sequoia.

Guy H. Salisbury of Coalinga arrived on the Owl last night from San Francisco. He will go to Coalinga this morning.

Dr. Sarah Pugh and sister, Miss Fronia Pugh, have returned from a visit to relatives at Orosi.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

Tomorrow night Raisin City Lodge No. 282, Fraternal Brotherhood, will give a leap year party. It will be in charge of the young ladies of the lodge and will be the last opportunity for four years. The committee in charge consists of Nora Coudley, Winnie Martin, Mabel Morton, Fay Dechant, Carlie Sutton, Georgie McHenry and Martha Hansen.

Several candidates are to be obligated tomorrow night. All new members secured during this month and next will form a large class for initiation by the supreme officers during the district convention here on February 16th and 17th.

FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD

At the regular meeting of the Fraternal Brotherhood last night the following four new members were initiated: George Culver, Charles J. Dawson, Frank E. Low, and John S. Kirby. The evening was spent socially.

ORDER OF OWLS

The Order of Owls last night elected officers as follows: President, W. M. Yokes, vice president, F. L. Graves; secretary, Ed B. Lane; treasurer, Irving Winters; sentinel, A. H. Lane; picket, C. M. Baker; warden, E. A. Gardner; physician, Dr. Anthony. Three applications for membership were received as follows: John Lowcherty, Henry Kaiser and R. F. Young.

INDIRECT LIGHTING SAVES THE EYES

A new system of indirect lighting, by which the lamps are entirely screened from view and throw their light against the ceiling and upper walls for reflection, thus avoiding the glare of direct lighting yet diffusing an illumination that reaches into every corner of the room with efficiency that makes reading in any part of it not only possible but restful, is fully described with illustrations in the January number of Popular Mechanics.

The system comprises special chandeliers with pendent sockets containing tungsten-metal incandescent lamps. Mounted or hung beneath and semi-inclosing each lamp are special bowl-shaped glass reflectors backed with a silver coating. These reflectors are concealed by ornamental bowls of spun brass. From the reflectors the light is thrown up against the white or cream tinted ceiling and from there is cast in a diffused illumination throughout the entire room. The absence of direct illumination is at first deceptive as to the real intensity of the illumination, but the ease with which ordinary print can be read in any part of the room shows the illumination to be sufficient as well as pleasing.

TALKING POSTAL CARDS THE LATEST

The talking postal card is the invention of a French engineer, and has become so popular in that country that the American rights have been secured and the device will be placed in the office of the United States.

The person wishing to send a talking postal card to a friend, enters the booth and talks into a machine that records the words on the specially prepared postal card. When the recipient receives the card a hundred or a thousand miles away, he or perhaps she, takes the card to the nearest postal booth and inserts it in a machine which takes the message it contains. The record on the postal card is indestructible and the exact voice of the sender is heard.—From Popular Mechanics for January.

BRAZILIAN RAILWAY STATISTICS.

According to statistics just published the number of kilometers of railway in Brazil in actual operation on January 1, 1908, was 17,605; the number of kilometers under actual construction was 3312, while plans have been approved for the construction of 6650 kilometers more. These figures are equivalent to 10,915, 2053 and 4142 miles, respectively.

OAKLAND ADOPTS BERTILLION SYSTEM

Now Has as Complete System for Identification of Criminals as Any in Use.

The installation of the Bertillon system of measurements in the police department of Oakland brings the system of identification of criminals to the reach of that of any city of the United States.

Few systems are as complete, as Oakland has an anatomical index invented by Captain of Detectives Petersen which is being investigated for adoption by police departments everywhere. It is an index of disfigurements, scars, tattoos, birthmarks, prominent features, in fact everything which goes to distinguish one man from another even in the smallest degree.

A man arrested on suspicion may be brought into the Oakland office; his name and former record may be unknown or forgotten, but let him have any distinguishing mark whatever, scar prominent feature or otherwise, and the records of the office, each mark or scar having its separate index, will instantly show if he has passed through the hands of the Oakland police, his offense, the disposition of his case and everything that pertains to him known at that time. There is no escaping from it.

If it be a new man who has never been arrested before, and he is charged with any crime, he is put through the anatomical investigation, measured by the Bertillon system, finger prints taken and picture segregated into the class of crime committed.

The augmented gallery of photographs possessed by a few of the older cities of the East, which are vastly more incomplete than in Oakland, is being installed. In this the crimes are segregated, the pickpockets, burglars, safecrackers and all the different criminals, each has a department in the gallery. A loose leaf system of filing pictures is a new institution in Oakland.

For the recovery of stolen property, Captain Peterson also has a system of his own, which frequently results in stolen property finding itself. It might easily be called a card system detective bureau.

The scheme is simple but most effective. For instance a record is taken of all goods entered at the pawn shops of the city and they are all indexed according to their nature. If it is a watch, the number of the case is filed away on a small card. Let a watch be stolen and a report of the theft made to Captain Petersen, the number is indexed and put in the same cabinet. If its number is the same as one of those placed in a pawn shop, the two cards appear together and, presto, the record shows where the watch is. Other stolen property is indexed so that the pawn shop record appears in the same place as the record of theft. Captain Petersen's pride is in his anatomical index. He has not sought to patent it, but willingly explains its workings to all visiting officers from other cities in the hope that it will aid them as it has him in the detection and punishment of crime. It has been installed in Berkeley and Stockton, San Francisco is about to take it up, and no visiting officer investigates the system but is struck with its possibilities.

Under the supervision of Captain Petersen, the bureau of identification is in charge of Harry Caldwell, who is rapidly mastering the details of the several systems in use.

MERGER OF RANCHES IS MADE IN TEXAS

James J. Hill Believed to Be Back of Enterprise on Line of His Railroad.

DENVER, Dec. 28.—The Post today says:

"According to private dispatches received in this city this morning, a merger of Texas ranches in the territory penetrated by the Colorado and Southern railroad is being formed and will comprise 7,000,000 acres of land worth $75,000,000. James J. Hill, who secured control of the Colorado and Southern, is named as the interest behind the move."

G. W. Holdredge, general manager of the Burlington road, accompanied by Mr. Maders, an Eastern attorney, arrived in Denver today to inspect the terminals of the Colorado and Southern and investigation operation conditions of the road. He could not be seen during the day. The Post says that beyond the fact that immense quantities of timber are known to be located on the land involved in the projected merger, nothing is known locally of the scheme.

"A FIND" AT POMPEII.

Pompeii is still yielding remarkable "finds." The latest, unearthed near Porta Nolano, is a man's perfectly preserved skeleton. By its bony hand lay a little bag of coarse cloth, containing fifty ancient coins, uninjured by 1823 years of burial. The coins are nearly all of silver and beautifully minted; nothing like them is produced by the scientific appliances of today. The skeleton's posture proves that the living man, fleeing with his money, was overwhelmed by the lava and mud from Vesuvius. The place where the skeleton was excavated is a new field for exploration and other important discoveries are expected there. But the fruits of Dr. Waldstein's new explorations at Herculaneum are awaited with even greater impatience, or Herculaneum is incomparably richer in art treasures than Pompeii.—London Chronicle.

FLATTERING SCALES

When Grover Cleveland's son Richard was born, his good friend, Joseph Jefferson, drove over to Gray Gables to congratulate the father.

"How many pounds does the child weigh?" asked the noted actor.

"Fifteen," was the reply.

"Nine," said the attending physician, who had just come in.

Mr. Cleveland assured the doctor that he must be mistaken. "The child weighs fifteen pounds," said he; "I weighed him myself with the scales downstairs and I use them when we go fishing."—Success Magazine.

POOR SANDY!

(From Success Magazine).

The young Scotchman never liked his mother-in-law and this weighed heavily on the mind of his wife who was ill.

Calling her husband to her bedside she said to him, "Sandy, lad, I'm varra ill and I think I'm gang to dee, and before I dee I want you to gie me a promise."

"I'll premise," replied Sandy. "What is it?"

"Weel, I ken that when I dee I'll have a fine funeral, and I want you to ride up in front in a carriage wi' my mother."

"Weel," sadly responded Sandy, "I've gled ye my word, an' it's one me that's gang back on that, but I'll tell ye one thing, ye've spoilt the day for me."

BEE FARMERS AND OTHERS MEET AT PACIFIC GROVE

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., Dec. 28.—The first agricultural institute of the central coast counties opened today at the hall of commerce in Monterey. The sessions will be continued tomorrow. The call to order and opening remarks were by Prof. Ralph Benton of the University of California. Many speakers prominently identified with bee culture are on the program.

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Social and Club News

Miss Edith Hayden was hostess last night at a very delightful holiday dance given for her college friends who are in town for the Christmas vacation. The greater part of the Christmas week festivities are among the younger set who are taking advantage of a cessation of study to frolic to their heart's content.

The Hayden home on Amador street is very conveniently arranged for entertaining and last night the entire lower floor was converted into an impromptu ball room for the pleasure of the dancers. Christmas greetery and bells decorated the rooms and during an intermission between dances the guests sat down to tete-a-tete tables to enjoy a dainty supper.

Those who were bidden to this charming affair were Misses Ethel Shaver, Mamie Marshall, Eva and Georgia Clark, Ethel Kennedy, Ethel Pierce, Ella Ingels, Freda Olafs, Jennie Wilson, Myrtle Newlin, Marjorie Harris, Gertrude Drew, Georgia Barker, Isabel Noble, Lewella Swift, Olive Schramm of Seattle, Gladys Robertson, Anne Tupper, Leora Schaffer, Gussie Collier, Florence Reed of Madera, Roland, Tullius and Will Tupper, Gus Hoover, Floyd Cowan, Leon and Sig Levy, Herbert Gundelfinger, Lamar Harris, Robert Collins, Edwin Einstein, Chester Warlow, Chester Minard, Neil Robertson, Alfred and Will Becker, Lawrence Pierson, Clarence Ingels, Will Truxaw, John Morgan, Will and Frank Reed of Madera.

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Mrs. Stanton L. Carter has as her guest during the holiday season her mother, Mrs. E. M. Kile of Stockton.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cleary will entertain at an informal dinner prior to the New Year's eve assembly of the Eschecholtzia Club.

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Mrs. W. D. Coates will entertain this evening at an informal bridge affair complimentary to her guest, Mrs. Harrison Traver of San Francisco and for W. D. Coates Jr. of Sacramento, who is paying his parents a holiday visit.

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At the country home of Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Beveridge last night the young people of the household entertained their friends at a jolly holiday dance. On several occasions this hospitable home has welcomed young guests who are always fond of a frolic in the country, especially when they are so certainly welcomed as they are here. The house was given over to the young people and looked extremely gay in decorations of Christmas berries and bells. Excellent music was provided for the dancing and the affair was one of the jollest holiday events of the season. About forty young guests were present.

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The Wednesday Afternoon Card Club will meet tomorrow with Miss L. Romaine Miller at her home, 1045 K street.

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Judge and Mrs. W. G. Holland entertained very pleasantly last night at 7:00, their guests including members of the Holland family and a few additional intimate friends. There were four tables of the popular game and later some delicious refreshments were served. The rooms were exceedingly bright and attractive in decorations of holly berries and Christmas bells.

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Mrs. F. M. Miller entertained very delightfully yesterday afternoon some of the old members of the Leisure Hour Club. Mrs. Miller was one of the charter members and asked these club friends to spend the afternoon with her and talk over old times. Many of the ladies brought their work bags and while they worked exchanged reminiscences and experiences of former club days spent together. Mrs. J. C. Hoxie told in a charming way a few early club experiences and dwelt entertainingly upon the humorous side of happenings in the first years of the club's existence.

Mrs. Julia Fink Smith contributed a clever poem which she had written for the first banquet the club ever held. These special contributions with other voluntary stories given extemporaneously combined to make the afternoon an exceedingly happy one and gave much pleasure to the guests. Later there were refreshments.

Those asked to this pleasant reunion were: Mrs. J. C. Hoxie, Mrs. J. C. Cooper, Mrs. Truman G. Hart, Mrs. H. C. Tupper, Mrs. L. O. Stephens, Mrs. E. D. Edwards, Mrs. George Aiken, Mrs. D. D. Albaugh, Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards, Mrs. Lewis Leach, Mrs. G. L. Warlow, Miss Lucy Hatch, Miss Nellie Boyd, Mrs. W. T. Maupin, Mrs. T. C. White, Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mrs. H. C. Varner.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

FRATERNAL EAGLES

Fresno erie No. 39 of the Eagles received R. S. Waltman as an initiate last evening and on next Monday evening will hold an open installation of officers-elect at Armory hall, the ceremony to be followed by a dance. The installation will be for members of the Eagles, their wives and invited lady guests. The installing officer will be Past Worthy President H. F. Briggs. The officers elect are: Past President, Leo J. Stock; president, Edward Victor; vice president, Daniel Brown; chaplain, George W. Beall; treasurer, S. B. Goodman; financial secretary, H. C. Harvey (re-elected); recording secretary, H. S. Dennison (re-elected); inside guard, F. G. Normart; outside guard J. O'Keefe; trustees, Winfield Scott, Frank Shuck and G. W. Smith. The directors of the incorporated hall association will meet this evening and take action to advance the interests of the enterprise.

TRAGIC MURDER ON FRENCH FARM

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A lonely farm house near Monteim has been the scene of a frightful tragedy, with robbery as its motive. The farm house was occupied by a widow named Berthe, supposed to be wealthy.

The murderer surprised the widow in the kitchen as she was preparing her supper. He knocked her down with a hatchet and after completing the crime dragged the body into a bedroom, where it was discovered by neighbors who had not seen the widow for several days.

WOMAN MARRIES ASSASSIN.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A marriage took place in very peculiar circumstances at Auxennes, when Mlle. Louise Gauer, a handsome woman, aged 26, married her would-be murderer, a man named Jules Camp, aged 24.

Last August Camp, who was engaged to be married to Mlle. Gauer, became violently jealous and determined to kill her. He fired several shots, severely wounding her, then turned the weapon against himself, lodging a bullet in his head, which has not yet been extracted. He is about to stand trial for attempted murder, but the woman, who has now recovered, asked him to marry her first.

It is probably that in the circumstances the jury will acquit him.

WIRELESS ON EIFFEL TOWER.

Paris, Dec. 28.—M. Alfred Picard, the minister of marine, has given his permission for an interesting service for signals to be established on the Eiffel Tower. By means of wireless telegraphy these signals will indicate the time in Paris to the French battleships at sea. The time indicated to the warships will be that shown by the clock at the St. Lazare station. It is on the huge clock face in the "Coeur de Lome" that the Eiffel Tower will point, by means of telescopes, the "flight of time."

When there is dense fog, the time is simply telegraphed according to the chronometer of M. Milon, the engineer of the Eiffel Tower. This chronometer is regulated from the Paris observatory.

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ETHEL ROOSEVELT BOWS TO SOCIETY

Makes Formal Debut Preceding Brilliant Ball in the East Room of the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, tonight made her formal bow to society, preceding the dancing in the east room of the White House, which began at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt received the guests in the blue room. Miss Roosevelt's gown was of white satin trimmed with crystals, while that of her mother was a dark blue satin.

Seldom has the east room presented a more attractive picture. The invited guests numbered nearly 400, only unmarried members of the younger set participating in the dancing. Among those present were:

Mrs. William H. Cowles and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the president's two sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. J. E. Roosevelt, Mrs. Simpkins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. Charles A. Munn, Mrs. Richard Wayne Parker and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth.

At midnight the music ceased and the guests partook of a supper, which was served at small tables arranged along the lower corridor.

Preceding the ball Miss Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Bacon. Covers were laid for sixty, the whole party going later to the White House.

Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt are entertaining a house party for the dance. The party includes Miss Josephine Osborne, Miss Ellen H. Rogers, Miss Cornelia Landon, Miss Madeline Borland, Miss Janeta Alexander, Miss Virginia Murray, Sydnam Curren, Harry Holt, Jr., Barclay Saur, Randall Clifford, H. Fairfield Osborne, Jr., Stephen L. Lander, Edmund Rogers, Munroe Robinson, Hobart Potter, Charles Emory and Norman Armour. They arrived at the White House shortly after luncheon.

FEW HONEST ART DEALERS IN EUROPE

I was talking about this the other evening with M. Henri Rochefort, the most brilliant authority in Paris on art matters.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that the chances today of a n American millionaire in the European art market are shockingly bad. The demand for fine pictures is enormous; it has far surpassed the supply, and is steadily increasing. Every one who can afford it wants a private gallery; even people of modest fortune blaze an old masterpiece or so, as they have an automobile. Consequently the prices of pictures have risen, risen, risen, until the temptation to fraud has become irresistable. There is no longer such a thing as an honest art dealer, or, if some exceptional dealer happens to be honest, he is sure to be incompetent."

"And the art experts?" I asked.

"Worse than the dealers," he declared. "Why should they know anything about art? There are stable boys today, art experts tomorrow. One of the most successful art experts in Paris was a bill-poster a few years ago. Anyone may be an art expert who chooses to put up a sign. There are no qualifications, no diploma. A man simply calls himself an art expert and that settle it. And these are the fellows you rich Americans deal with. Quel malheur!"—Cleveland Moffett, in Success Magazine.

SAYS PORTSMOUTH TREATY PREMATURE

The results of the premature conclusion of peace at Portsmouth, by which Japan was recognized as the conqueror of Russia on the continent of Asia, will unquestionably be painful, not only to Russia, but for all the powers who have possessions or business interests in Asia. The "Yellow Peril," only recently foreseen, has now arrived.

Painful internal disorders, and a hostile, or, at best, indifferent sentiment among the Russian public toward the war, were the real causes for the conclusion of this unfortunate peace by Russia. It was neither desired nor needed by the army. I said in my letter to the emperor of February 21, 1906: "The frankest and most candid study of our situation cannot diminish the firmly rooted belief of the army in the eventual triumph of our troops in Manchuria, if it had been deemed possible to continue the war."

For the first time since the beginning of the war the army was filled up to its full complement. It had received machine guns and batteries of howitzers; field railways insured the transportation of supplies to the army; telegraphs and telephones were at last on hand; the wireless telegraph had arrived; the transportation department had been enlarged; and the sanitary condition of the army was excellent. — Gen. Kuropatkin in January McClure's.

PROFESSOR TAKES RAP AT AMERICA

Referring to Graft, Says Power Essential to Democratic Rule Isn't in American State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With James Bryce, British ambassador, presiding, the American Political Science society met here today in its first annual meeting. The general topic for consideration was "The Increase of Federal Force and Power in the United States." One of the principal papers was by Stephen Leacock, McGill university, Canada, on "The Limitations of the Federal Government."

In the course of the discussion Professor Henry Jones Ford of Princeton university declared that neither the power nor the responsibility essential to democratic rule was embodied in the American state. "The Roosevelt-blanque," he said, "that historians are now noting between ancient and modern bosses, grafters, and spoilsmen rest upon substantial plentities, affording a fine demonstration of the universal principle that like causes produce like effects, irrespective of the emotions and intentions with which the causes are so put in operation."

He asserted that the efforts of reformers were directed to the conditions under which the power was gained, rather than to the conditions under which power was exercised.

NOTORIOUS WOMAN THIEF IS TAKEN

The French Police Capture a Member of a Gang of Active Hotel Robbers.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A notorious woman thief, who has had an adventurous career, stood her trial at the Nice assizes yesterday. She is Amelie Confesseur and for a long period has been known to the detectives as a member of a gang of thieves who made a specialty of robbing visitors at fashionable hotels. Twice she has been caught, but as the evidence against her was incomplete she was released. However, the detectives resolved to keep a close watch upon her.

On March 2d of the present year she put up at a hotel at Nice, where she described herself as the Countess de Matida. Three days later she left this hotel and went to another where she was known as Madame de Montequie. Two detectives followed her there and took up their quarters in a bathroom close to the room occupied by "Madame de Montaque."

They soon discovered her wandering along the corridors late at night. She was dressed in soft black material. The detectives saw her attempt to open, by means of a special key, the door of a room occupied by a wealthy visitor. They immediately sprang from their hiding place and arrested her.

Her room in the hotel was searched and a complete set of burglary implements, including electric lamps, was discovered. Among her papers were notes giving particulars of the hotels she intended to visit.

In these notes the positions of the rooms and the kind of locks used on the doors were indicated. The adventuress denied that she was a thief and alleged that the burglary tools in her possession belonged to a friend whose address she declined to give.

The bold defense she made created an unfavorable impression. The jury found her guilty and sentenced her to ten years' hard labor.

DAILY BATHING IS INJURIOUS

LONDON, Dec. 28.—One of the most cherished traditions of the British race, the "cold tub every morning," is mercilessly criticised by Dr. J. H. Clarke.

Dr. Clarke contends that in the matter of health we are enslaved by words and phrases. "The 'pores of the skin' is a phrase at the shrine of which many feeble folk are sacrificing the last flicker of their energy in the daily morning tub. 'Plenty of fresh air' is another tyrant which has claimed numberless victims.

"I once lost a good patient who was always ailing, by cutting off his daily morning tub," says Dr. Clarke. "He grew strong and put on weight . . . and it was one of his delights to shock his friends by telling them how many years it is since he had a bath."

Too much soaping and scrubbing, according to Dr. Clarke, removes the lubricating material secreted in the glands of the skin to make it soft and supple, and the removal leaves the skin more sensitive to atmospheric changes.

The skin is a self cleansing organ. By soaking the body the self cleansing cells absorb water, swell up and die.

"One has only to rub oneself after a bath, and there come off in little rolls. These do not consist of dirt, as is the popular idea, but of dead skin-cells. I often tell people that it is quite possible for them to wash themselves dirty. They remove so much of the protective surface that they give the dirt a real chance of getting into their skins."

BIG CEMETERY FOR DEAR DEAD PETS

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Under a dull, gray sky in harmony with feelings of sorrow and loneliness "La Fete des Morts" was observed in Paris. The principal cemeteries such as Pere La Chaise, Montparnasse and Montmaltre, were largely visited by bereaved relatives.

It was also dogs' day in the ultra fashionable world. The animal cemetery, which lies in the island of the Seine, near Asnieres, attracted a large gathering of people who had lost some pet Fido or Mimi. In this inclosure are buried 15,000 dogs, 4000 cats, 7 horses, 5 pet monkeys, a cow, 2 goats, a bomb, a panther, 10 parrots, 3 canaries, 1 tame pigeons and a recently deceased goose.

The majority of these domestic pets repose in tombs so elegant as to put to shame the resting places of dead French citizens. The graven use of granite or marble, textile paved and inclosed. A dog undertaker said that the fitting up of some of these graves cost as much as $200.

FIRST MUSTANGS.

The first horses of the Western plains were probably brought there by the Spaniards. In 1545, almost fifty years before Jamestown was settled, Coronado, the Spanish captain, was roaming about the plains of New Mexico; and he tells of the dogs used by the Indians to haul their plunder on lodge poles, indicating that they had no horses at that date.

In 1716 the Spanish again worked their way eastward across the plains, and their letters tell of the astonishment of the Indians at seeing the horses they had with them. The expedition was constantly losing horses, and there is little doubt that the first droves of Western horses originated from these strays.

In the early days upon the plains they were as great a nest to travelers as they are today. Woe be unto the luckless camper who allowed a band of wild horses to get close enough to his gentle horses, turned out for the night, to scare them off. It was almost useless to follow, for the gallop of the wild comes to the gentlest of horses when he is thrown with a band of his kind that have been born and raised free of all restraint. It is a well-known fact that the hardest one to "cut out," the leader of them all is a mad race across the prairie, is the old, gentle, well-broken saddle or work horse, once he gets a taste of such freedom.—Will C. Barnes in the January McClure's.

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(Roland Phillips in Success Magazine)

Do you begin to see the picture? Can you imagine what it will be in thirty years?

The lumber business, now the fourth largest in America, will be the first to fail. Thirty-three thousand establishments will immediately close their doors. At the same moment more than half a million employees will be thrown out of work; they will be joined by a million in the allied trades, coopers, joiners, carpenters, planers, wall-paper makers, then another billion from the trades indirectly affected. It will be such an army of unemployed as was never dreamed of in the world's history.

The mines will fail. There will be no coal, no iron, no steel for the skyscrapers, no steel for rails. The railroads will go out of business. Without transportation facilities the farmers will be unable to market their crops, already diminished by unprecedented drought and flood. As our national prosperity depends upon the railroads and the crops, there will be no prosperity. In its place, poverty—the poverty of China, Greece, Syria, Dalmatia.

This, or something very like it, is the picture of this great land of ours when the forests fall. And it will be more than a mere picture, unless you decide to act, it will become a grim reality.

"AS HONEST AS ANY BARTENDER."

(From "The Experiences of a Saloonkeeper" in the January McClure's).

I picked out an experienced German bartender, Henry Kurz by name, who had been seventeen years in the business, was known to almost everybody in the neighborhood, and had already tended bar in my place for a former proprietor. He showed me "recommends" of a high character, but none of them stated that he was honest. So I asked him: "Henry, are you honest?"

He smiled a sad and derisive smile. "As honest as any bartender. The really honest bartender does not exist. You can take that from me."

Well, there seemed to be a certain rugged honesty in his dishonesty, so I hired him, and he took off his coat and went to work for me. This was Saturday night, and the place was thronged.

But from the first my receipts were smaller than they had been before his advent. I noticed, too, the disappearance of sundry bottles of French cognac. Two days later Henry got speechlessly drunk, so drunk that he fell down behind the bar, and the last time he was unable to rise. So I let him go, and only then, on taking stock, discovered that Henry had been robbing me right and left.

RODIN RECOVERS HEALTH.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Auguste Rodin, the sculptor, returned to his studio, 182 Rue de l'Universite, Paris. He has just recovered from an illness which kept him to his home in Meudon for a month. He has taken up his work again, but for the time his day will be shorter than usual. George C. Ahl, a young American, is exhibiting a series of etchings of the chateau country, the Alhambra, and Venice at a gallery in the Rue de Caumartin, and has many American friends. The gallery has been well filled with them this week. The etchings themselves are very interesting.

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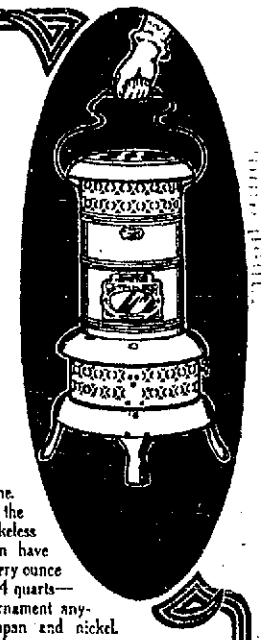

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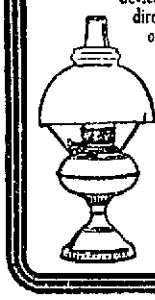

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ROLLER WILL BOX WINNER

Hooks Up With Victor of Kaufman-Barry Bout.

Seatle Physician Deposits $1000 Forfeit and Bout Is Arranged.

SEATLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Dr. D. R. Roller called at the Seattle Times office today and offered to put up $1,000 as a side bet for a match with the winner of the Kaufman Barry fight which is billed for Los Angeles next Wednsday night. Dr. Roller says he would be ready to fight about March 1st. When Roller receives word from Los Angeles that $1,000 had been put up in the hands of Jim Jeffries to cover his deposit, he will consider the match as good as made and will wait for the terms of the match to be sent him.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—The Jeffries Athletic Club has made definite arrangements to stage a heavy-weight boxing match between the winner of the Kaufman-Barry fight here Wednesday night, and Dr. R. F. Roller, the Seattle athlete. The bout, which will be staged January 26th, will be for 25 rounds and the boxers will receive 50 per cent of the receipts, to be split 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. The match was settled when Dr. Roller deposited $1,000 with the Seattle Times today. This money was a forfeit for appearance and will go as a side bet. Both Kaufman and Barry have agreed to the match and the winner will deposit his forfeit within a few days after the fight.

SMITH WILL STAY WITH SAN JOSE

SAN JOSE, Dec. 28.—Harry Smith, the big San Jose State League team right fielder, who was said to be under contract to Los Angeles, has agreed to sign a contract with the local state leaguers for 1909.

PRESERVATIVES USED IN CHINA

In China the natives preserve vegetables by coating them with salt and drying them in the sun. Hams are cured by means of an alkaline earth and common salt. Pickled eggs are preserved with a compound of common mud salt, saltpeper and soy bean sauce.

ENCOURAGE DIAMOND-CUTTING

An effort is being made to encourage the diamond-cutting industry at Cape Town. The work has heretofore been done almost exclusively at Amsterdam, but at present a great deal of this work is being done in the United States.

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STOCKTON MEN TALK OVER BALL TEAM

Business Men Plan Finances to Support Bunch of State Leaguers the Coming Season.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 28.—At an enthusiastic meeting of a large number of prominent business men tonight, plans were outlined for handling the Stockton ball team in the California league the coming season. It is proposed to raise a first installment of $10,000 with an addition guarantee of $40,000 if need be to meet all expenses and carry on the defense against the Coast league in case it goes in for war. A board of directors of three or five will be named and the money placed in the bank. A man will be sent East to secure an entire new team, as manager Moreing will take the present Stockton team to San Francisco, with the possible exception of Danny Shay.

TWO NEW RECORDS MADE FOR WORLD

Santa Anita Sees Two Horses Beat Time.

Chapultepec for 6 Furlongs, Lady Irma 5, Are the New Stars.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Two new world records were made at Santa Anita track today. Chapultepec was the first to smash the record for six furlongs, when he carried 112 pounds and ran the distance in 1:11 flat which is one-fifth of a second faster than the best previous time made by Glogo a few days ago. Chapultepec was in grand form and if he had been driven out he could have ran much faster as he was only galloping at the end. He jumped away in front and soon had a lead of a length with King James second. Chapultepec continued to show the way to the stretch, where he drew away and won by two lengths.

The second record to be broken was in the last race, which was for all ages at 5½ furlongs. Lady Irma, a 3-year-old, carrying 85 pounds, was returned the winner and ran the distance in 1:04 4-5, one-fifth of a second faster than Colloquy ran a few days ago. Her performance was a startling improvement in form. She soon took a big lead, and making the pace, won by eight lengths.

The stewards after carefully investigating the Carman-Dooley fight, today gave out a statement in which they fine Carman, Dooley and the blacksmith, F. Albers, $200 each. Carman Jr. is fined $200 for attempted intimidation of a bidder in a selling race.

RESULTS:

First race, six furlongs, selling: Enfield, 105 (Howard), 8 to 1, won; Steel 106 (Page), 20 to 1, second; Anderson, 106 (Martin), 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:12. Dreidiu, Joe Unitens, Fundamental, J. P. Crowley, Stringency, Jane Laurel, John A., Nasturita and Roy T. also ran.

Second race, seven furlongs, selling: Pal, 107 (Shilling), 4 to 1, won; Mary F., 109 (Powers), even, second; Lord of the Forest, 105 (McGee), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:24 4-5. Oberon, Millitas, Monvina and Haensel also ran.

Third race, six furlongs, purse: Chapultepec, 112 (Powers), 11 to 20, won; King James, 117 (Shilling), 9 to 5, second; Hasty Agnes, 109 (E. Martin), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:11. Galvez also ran. Time is new world's record.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, selling: Lord Stanhope, 104 (Shilling), even, won; Niblick, 104 (McCahey), 7 to 1, second; Skyo, 103 (McGee), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:25 4-5. Janeta, Ed Ball, Cataline and Bon Ton also ran.

Fifth race, mile and quarter, selling: King of the Mist, 109 (Shilling), 11 to 5, won; First Peep, 109 (Archibald), 3 to 1, second; Joe Coyne, 109 (Clark), 20 to 1, third. Time, 2:05. Wurtzeberger, Beaudere, I. C. Widrig, Snirker and Nattie Bumpo also ran.

Sixth race, five and a half furlongs, selling: Lady Irma, 85 (Martin), 4 to 1, won; Hazelthorpe, 102 (Page), 9 to 1, second; Jane Swift, 100 (Shilling), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:04 4-5. Bavaria, Catherine F. Taunt, Madeline, Musgrave, Korosliany also ran. Time is new world's record.

U. S. NOT ALONE IN MONEY DEPRESSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—That the falling off of approximately $300,000,000 in imports and perhaps $150,000,000 in exports in the United States during 1908 is mostly part of a general condition which has prevailed the world over is shown by the monthly statement of the Bureau of Statistics. Of the twenty-five principal countries of the world whose foreign commerce Bureau records month by month all but four show a falling off in exports and imports. The principal decrease in the import side occurred in trade with Europe and on the export side in the trade with North America. These marked reductions in the United States are not entirely the result of a falling off in the quantity of merchandise moved into or out of the country, says the statement.

Imports from Europe in the ten months for which detailed figures are available showed a decrease from $625,000,000 in ten months of 1907 to $436,000,000 in a similar period of 1908. Those from North America and Asia each show a decrease of $45,000,000 from the total of the corresponding period of last year, and those from South America a decrease of $25,000,000. Exports to Europe show a decrease of but 3 per cent, while those to North America show a decrease of 21 per cent.

THE BEST NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

The noblest resolution that any citizen could make for the New Year would be the resolution to live more faithfully by the Golden Rule, that sublime principle of conduct for this world and for all worlds. Failure to live by this law causes the chief sorrows and collisions among men.

Let each earnest man search into his words and ways, determined to find the special manner in which he breaks the Golden Law—his special habit that works injustice or unhappiness in his shop, his office, his home, his city. He will find, perhaps, that in the shop, he is in the habit of misplacing tools, and this hinders the work of his comrades; that in the office he is in the habit of being late in keeping appointments, and time steals other people's time; that in the club he is in the habit of belittling worthy competitors, and thus joins the gang of thieves who steal reputations; that in the home he is in the habit of monopolizing the conversation, and thus fails to draw out the powers of others; that in the city he is in the habit of spitting on the sidewalk, and thus sullies the comfort of his townsmen; that in business he is in the habit of misrepresenting his goods, and thus robs under the cover of custom.

These are problems in the Golden Rule and here are simple space and verse for building character, character which is the greatest thing in man.—Edwin Markham in Success Magazine.

JOCKEY RECEIVES LARGE OVATION

Robert Harrington Cheered By Emeryville Crowd.

Rode Em and Em Hard and Nosed Rivals Out in Furious Drive.

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—Probably the greatest ovation ever tendered a jockey at a local track was given at Emeryville today when Robert Harrington, a 55-pound boy, won on Em and Em, a 30 to 1 shot, owned by James Coffey, his employer. The little boy rode hard all the way and landed the outsider in front in a drive, from Miss May Bowdish and Phil Igoe. The spectators thronged about the judges' stand and cheered Harrington until he reached the paddock after he had dismounted. He is the lightest rider here and it was his first winning mount. The defeat of Seventhill proved costly to the favorite followers. She was plunged on to win the second, but stopped badly. Belle Kinney won from Gypsy King and Bear. Walter Miller was suspended for three days for crossing in front of Gargantua when riding Dorrington.

RESULTS.

First race, Futurity course, selling: Deneen, 102 (Cotton), 3 to 2, won; Dovalia, 105 (Taplin), 13 to 1, second; Dargin, 111 (Butler), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:11 3-5. Berryessa, Bolsman, Long Ball, Chalk Hedrick, Amora, Mike Anselm, Lady Hildrena, Black Dragon and Tabinosa also ran.

Second race, six furlongs, selling: Argonaut, 110 (Upton), 16 to 5, won; Figent, 105 (Buxton), 4 to 1, second; Joe Rose, 113 (Notter), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:15 2-5. Roseville, Stroke, Hoyle, Sempronia and Minalta also ran.

Third race, Futurity course, selling—Belle Kinney, 111 (Henry), 6 to 1, won; Gypsy King, 112 (Miller), 7 to 2, second; Bear, 106 (Butler), 13 to 1, third. Time, 1:11 4-5. Seventhill, St. Avon, Adena, Lord Provost, Marise and Annotto also ran.

Fourth race, mile and 70 yards, selling—Gargantua, 106 (Taplin), 6 to 5, won; Dorrington, 112 (Miller), 12 to 5, second; Paladini, 107 (Keogh), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:44 2-5. L. C. Ackerley, Cloverland, Silver Silk and Carmelina also ran.

Fifth race, mile and 70 yards, selling—Em and Em, 102 (Harrington), 30 to 1, won; Miss M. Bowdish, 107 (Vandusen), 8 to 1, second. Phil Igoe, 102 (Sullivan), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:45 2-5. Midwat, Steel Blue, Melar, Eckersall, Royal Red, Hugada, Plenad and Kansack also ran.

Sixth race, 6½ furlongs, purse—Twilight Queen, 93 (Russelle), 6 to 5, won; Precious, 98 (Preston), 8 to 1, second. Creation, 112 (Miller), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:14 1-5. E. Nugent, Coppers and Grace H. also ran.

INDIAN ALWAYS HAD TUBERCULOSIS

A Noted Physician Says the Great White Plague Has Been Scourge to Red Men.

That tuberculosis was prevalent among the Indians before white men came to America was shown by Dr. Stephen J. Maher, a member of the special commission for the investigation of tuberculosis in Connecticut, and widely known as an expert medical investigator, in a formal report presented before a session of that body, says a dispatch to the New York Herald. As the early Indians had no domestic cattle, these facts are cited by medical experts to dispute the contention of impossible faddists that bovine tuberculosis is communicable to human beings.

Further, Dr. Maher has shown that human tuberculosis has appeared in all parts of rural Connecticut, whether highland, lowland or plain, and that density of the population of the various counties bears no constant relation to the tuberculosis death rate of those districts. In his report, Dr. Maher said, in part:

"It seems to be the general belief nowadays that the first consumptives in Connecticut, as in all New England and in all America, were white men. But were they? Daniel Goodin, one of the earlier settlers of New England, has written: 'Before the English came among the Indians there were two disorders from which they most generally died: the consumption and the pocks.' He also adds, 'Consumption is frequent among the Indians, and sundry die of it that live not with the English.'

"Francis, in his life of John Eliot, gives as an opinion that 'consumption seems to have been a common malady among the New England natives.' Dr. A. B. Holden, in a notable series of papers, says: 'I do not believe that at any time in their history the Indians of North America have been free from consumption.' Tuberculosis is extensive with the Indian race. The single tribe, that may be said to be free from this disease I have been unable to find after diligent search."

RUSSIA'S POLICY OF EXPANSION FOOLISH

Gen. Kuropatkin says in the January McClure's that "it would be advantageous to neither ourselves (Russia) nor to our neighbors to change our frontiers. The change would be too costly."

"The chief work of our army in the last two hundred years has consisted in the enlargement of our boundaries on the northwest and on the south. In the last two centuries but seventy-two years have been peaceful. In the remaining one hundred and twenty-eight years, thirty-three foreign and two internal wars have been waged. Russia's outlet on the Baltic and Black Seas required the labor of our armed forces for two hundred years and cost us great sacrifices in killed and wounded. We reached the Pacific in 1897 without bloodshed. But so easy a victory bore within itself the germ of defeat. The enlargement of Russia's boundaries in all directions has brought into her possession divers peoples alien and even hostile to Russia. The borders of the empire have begun to be surrounded by a population not sufficiently amalgamated with the Russian people. And in this respect our frontiers in 1900 were less favorable in a military sense than in 1700.

"Russia, in her frontiers of 11,000 miles, contiguous to nine different kingdoms, needs, in my opinion, no alterations in her boundary lines. This deduction is tranquilizing in the highest degree, for it appears to be entirely probable that if Russia, contenting herself with her frontiers, occupies herself during the twentieth century merely with the consolidation of the kingdom she has won at the cost of such tremendous efforts and sacrifices in the eighteenth centuries, the danger of a war with her neighbors will be eliminated."

CROP ESTIMATES ARE GIVEN OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—According to recent estimates, the department of agriculture puts the country's orange crop at 11.4 per cent of a full crop. Estimates are made that this means about 25,000 carloads. The lemon crop, which means practically the California lemon crop, is put at less than last year's, at 52.9. The percentage last year was 96.4, and in 1906 it was 90 per cent. Probably California will ship 1100 carloads of lemons, according to estimates by leading growers.

Sugar beets are 3.1 per cent as good as last year, promising 87.1 per cent of full crop. Beans are 79.1, of the same as last year, and alfalfa is 90.7, or 1 per cent better than in 1907.

During the past year there was a decrease of 1,200,000 barrels of wheat flour exports, chiefly felt at Pacific ports.

GRINDS ORGAN OUT OF SPITE

Lame Man Causes Trouble in London.

Nephew, He Says, of Cabinet Minister, and Resents Being Ignored.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—"I am the nephew of the great John Burns, M. P., president of the Local Government Board. Because of my lameness I am ignored by him, and cannot get work, although of good character. This is the only means of providing for my wife and family." Such is the startling inscription recently exhibited in the streets of London by Alexander Henry Elliott, who is going about with a barrel organ for the purpose of calling attention to the hardness of heart of the British cabinet minister and ex-laborer.

There is no doubt about Elliott's credentials. He is not a "fake" nephew. At the same time his methods of attack have given rise to a sort of political tempest in a teapot. As a rule, British politics are free from personal attacks. This is the first time issues of this kind have been raised. Elliott's tactics are backed up by the Labor party, who hate John Burns, because they consider him a traitor to the laboring man's cause.

It is very doubtful if the nephew of Burns would have gone on the streets in this fashion had he not been "assisted" by the Labor party, who considered the opportunity to attack their arch-enemy too good to be lost. They provided him with an "outfit," consisting of a barrel-organ, donkey, and the placard already mentioned. The nephew himself "did the rest," losing no time in seeking the suburb where Burns lives, and playing before the little workman's cottage, which the cabinet minister occupies. He also went to the school attended by John Burns, Jr., and played, only desisting when the students threatened to tar and feather him if he did not move on, for young Burns is immensely popular among the boys.

At this point the assistance of the police was brought in. There is a by-law in London that no street organ virtuoso is allowed to bring his machine to a standstill. He must rhapsodize "on the move." And so, Burns' nephew has been kept pretty well on the march.

And now the newspapers have taken up the question, and the cabinet minister has come in for a great deal of hard words, especially from the labor section of the press. On the other hand, he has his defenders. Many anti-labor papers consider this censure of family affairs quite unfair. The partisans of Burns praise him highly for not putting one of his relatives into a soft job and point out that if he had given his nephew a government position he would have been just as harshly criticised by the labor brothers. And so the merry war goes on, Burns himself standing aloof.

As to the nephew of Burns, his career has been a varied one. He says: "I consider that I have a grievance against my uncle, John Burns, because he promised me a position under the Board of Trade, which he has not fulfilled. I can speak crystal language—French, Italian, Turkish and modern Greek. I was secretary to Sir Stephen Lakeman, K. C. B., in Turkey, and my stepfather was Major-General Shelton Pasha, who held a post in the Turkish government. My mother is Mrs. Burns' own sister.

"Some years ago I returned to England, but things did not go very well with me. I lost a good deal over various business ventures, and wanted Burns to give me enough money—about $50—to buy a pony, in order to go into the vegetable trade. But he refused. I cannot see that there is anything else for me to do but to go on the streets and become one of the unemployed, in which my uncle takes so keen an interest."

BREWER AND SALOON KEEPER

(From "The Experiences of a Saloon-Keeper" in the January McClure's.)

The relations between the brewer and the saloon-keeper are close and complicated. In looking at a number of saloons with an eye to purchase, I had found that every one of them was really owned by a brewer. The system under which I became the "Man Friday" of my brewery is practically universal in New York. The saloon is leased, the fixtures are supplied and the rent is paid by the brewer.

When I bought my place I discovered that the brewery held a mortgage of $800 on its fixtures. These fixtures were now had cost perhaps $300. The fact that the mortgage was so much larger than the value of the fixtures it covered made it practically certain it would never be paid off, and that the saloon would remain the property of the brewery. Another peculiar feature of this mortgage was that it was a "dead one"—that is, I paid no interest directly on it. To all intents and purposes, the fixtures that it covered constituted part of the brewery. I paid my rent to the brewery. But, although it was high for the locality—$100 a year—I paid no more than was stipulated in the lease held by the brewery from the owner. The brewery charged $300 a year for advancing my $1000 license and receiving back from me $25 a week for forty-eight weeks in the year. But the interest on the fixtures was apparently charged in the profits on the beer, which it could undoubtedly be well carried for—since, I have good reason to believe, they made 350 per cent gross profit on the beer at the price they sold it to me.

Unnecessary Noises.

The celebrated soprano was in the middle of her solo when little Johnny said to his mother, referring to the conductor of the orchestra, "Why does that man hit at the woman with his stick?"

"He is not hitting at her," replied his mother. "Keep quiet."

"Well, then, what is she hollerin' so for?"—From "Success Magazine."

PLAN MECCA FOR SPORTS

Society People to Make Center for Games.

Aim to Exploit Winter Pastimes at Burlingame.

To make California, and particularly the Burlingame country club in San Mateo county, the center of the world's winter sports world, to make it the campaign ground for the great championship polo matches between American, European and Indian teams, and to make the Burlingame golf links the most famous in the world, the clearing ground for records and championship titles, is the ambitious project of a coterie of Burlingame country club members and San Franciscans who reside in the San Mateo suburbs. They would concentrate the mounted and golf-knickered athletes from all the world, attracting them with most valuable trophies and prizes that would draw renowned amateur and professional contestants.

SOCIETY JOINS CLUBMEN.

And society is joining hands with the clubmen and is preparing to grace the athletic contests with its graciousness and charm.

With the British polo teams will be men of military distinction and with names that are engrossed in the peerage. They will be accompanied by their wives and ladies, persons of titled and of international fame for beauty and social accomplishment.

At the approach of such a splendid social array every club door will swing open with alluring welcome, every house will crowd forward with hospitable amenities.

PROMINENT MEN BEHIND PLAN.

The important movement by which the balmy winter of central California will be invoked to draw the outdoor athletes to the San Francisco peninsula has been under consideration for some time among the prominent clubmen and will receive a splendid impetus at a meeting to be held at noon today at the Pacific Union club.

Among the men who are behind the magnet which is to be turned toward all polo teams and golf experts are: W. S. Hobart, Thomas A. Driscoll, Templeton Crocker, Walter McCreery, William H. Crocker, R. J. Tobin, G. S. Parsons, J. O. Carolan, E. W. Howard, John Lawson, Cyril Tobin, Harry Scott, J. Casserly and others.

PROMOTE WINTER CARNIVAL.

If it is possible the great outdoor meetings will be inaugurated at Burlingame late this winter. It is estimated that $25,000 will be needed properly to launch the winter sports, and of this sum $17,000 has been subscribed by enthusiasts. The new El Cerrito polo club, which opened its clubhouse at San Mateo yesterday, is joining with the Burlingame country club in promoting the proposed winter carnival of championships afoot and on horseback.

ANTICIPATION IS KEEN.

Among the society women who are working with the keenest anticipation for a consummation of the Burlingame plans are Miss Jennie Crocker, Miss Enid Gregg, Mrs. Walter Martin and Mrs. Francis J. Carolan.

In discussing the project last evening Thomas A. Driscoll said:

"At present our plans are tentative, but we have great expectations of drawing the polo and golf experts from the East and Europe for this winter's games. We will plan to bring the best professional polo teams from Canada, England France, India and, of course, the Eastern cities of New York, Boston and Philadelphia, to play in international championship games at Burlingame. We will also have international golf tournaments with contestants from England, Scotland and the great American centers of the sport. We will offer valuable prizes and trophies, such as will attract the most renowned players."

HOLD AUSPICIOUS OPENING.

The El Cerrito polo club, which is co-operating in the movement, held an auspicious opening yesterday. Among those at the clubhouse who are helping the carnival plan were: Mrs. Reid P. Schwerin, Miss Kathleen de Young, Mrs. Laurance Scott, Mrs. E. Duplessis Heyland, Mrs. C. E. Green, Miss Jennie Crocker, Miss Helene Irwin, Miss Enid Gregg, Mrs. Robert Coleman, Mrs. Wilson, Vicomtesse de Tristan, Miss de Guigne, Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. Joseph Tobin Jr., Mrs. Thomas Driscoll, Miss Frances Howard, Mrs. Edward Howard, Templeton Crocker, W. S. Coleman, Edward Tobin, J. D. Grant, Vicomte de Tristan, C. de Guigne, Walter Martin, P. Scott, J. O. Tobin, J. Casserly, W. Ronaldson, E. Green, Harry Scott, E. D. Peyland, Cyril Tobin, F. de Lisle.

$150,000 WORTH OF COUNTERFEITS

"You think our American millionaires buy a good many fake pictures?"

M. Rochefort laughed. "It's pitiful. It's shameful. But what can they expect? It's their own fault for buying pictures as they buy timber or steel rails—according to specifications. I'll never forget the last picture I was asked to look at by a rich American. He was so proud of them! So convinced that they were masterpieces! There were forty in all and they had cost him $60,000 frames. It was a bargain all right if they had been genuine, for there were great names in the lot! Several old masters, a Diaz, a Theodore Rousseau, a Daubigny and several Corots—the usual millionaire assortment.

"'Well,' he said, as I studied them.

"'Some of them are well done,' I admitted.

"'Ah!' he purred.

"'But they're not genuine.'

"'What! You mean you've found a counterfeit.'

"'My dear sir, I'm sorry, but they're all counterfeits.'"—Cleveland Moffett in Success Magazine.

Chairs Are Going Up

"I have been in this business," said the buyer for a big furniture house, "for thirty-eight years. I ought to know something about it, hadn't I? Well, let me tell you a few plain facts.

"The chair you are sitting on is marked one hundred and thirty-five dollars. Ten years ago you could have bought it for seventy-five. You'll admit that's a fairly big increase?

"Well, in the next ten years it isn't going to decrease in value, is it? It won't occupy any more floor space than it does now, will it? And the scarcer the wood, the quicker it will increase in value. Isn't that reasonable? Well, then, answer me this: as long as you and your neighbors pay the bills, in other words, as long as we fix the prices and the public 'stands the gaff,' why should we bother about protecting the forests? It may be near sighted policy, I dare say it is, but, as business, it looks like a 'cinch.'"—Roland Phillips, in "Success Magazine."

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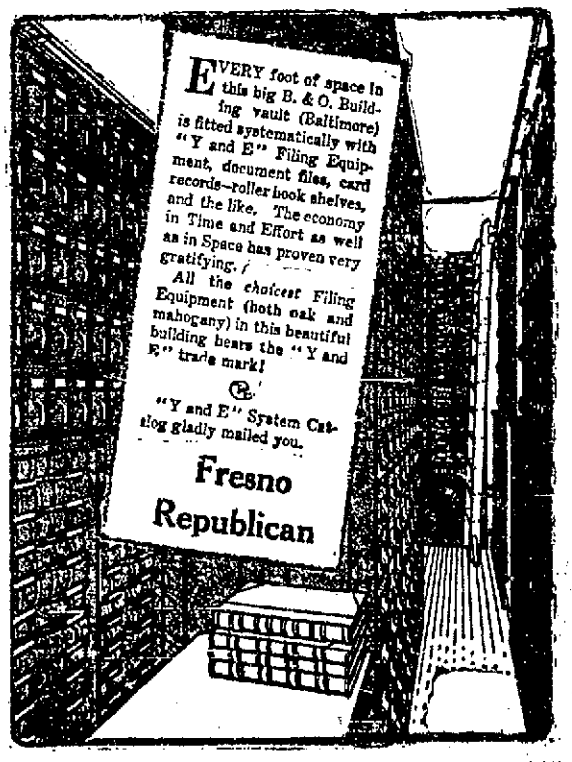

Commercial

INCORPORATION OF ORCHARDISTS

Ten Years' Lease for Post-office at Selma.

Instruments Placed on File in Archives of the County.

Articles of incorporation have been filed of the San Joaquin Orchard company of San Francisco with authorized capital stock of $160,000 in 16,000 shares and $50 subscribed by William A. Hoagdine, L. W. Sanborne, H. C. Keyes, H. K. Roberts and C. D. King, all of San Francisco. Among the recorded filings yesterday was a deed to the company of Section 24-16-14 in this county and which evidently will be the base of operations of the company in the fruit, vine and stock raising business.

LAND TRANSFERS

Herman and Rose Peterson to W. A. Sutherland N.½ of 19-13-17, less 36 acres described; Sutherland to Rose Peterson above, subject to mortgage in favor of E. E. Manheim of March 18, 1908, for $3500 and Peterson to Rose Peterson, his wife, Lots 32-31 of Kroeger's addition to Fresno.

W. S. Barry to Ferdinand Graber and wife half interest in 600 acres of S.W.¼, N.W.¼ and S.½ of S.E.¼ of 28, the N.½ of S.W.¼ and N.½ of N.E.¼ of 33-19-22.

W. L. Horn and wife to Stanford Elder Lots 21-26-28 in Block A of Whitson's addition to Selma subject to $93 balance due on $300 trust deed

W. T. Mattingly and wife to Charles Plunkett half interest in S.E.¼ of 18, N.E.¼ of 19, N.W.¼ and W.½ of S.W.¼ of 20-13-22.

A. B. Smith to Emma L. Davis W.½ of Lot 95 of Roeding's Villa Colony, being the N.W.¼ of N.W.¼ of N.E.¼ of 31-13-20.

Charles A. Reid to O. L. Everts and George M. Virgin Lots 8 and 9, Block 7 of Yosemite addition to Fresno city.

F. K. Prescott and wife to J. E. Austin Lots 16-19 in Block 18 of Belmont addition to Fresno.

William Samuel of New York to H. C. Peterson of Reedley Lots 17 and 18 of Block 38 of Reedley.

August Knittel to Max Knittel, also of Firebaugh, Lots 19 and 20 in Block 55 of Firebaugh.

Pacific Improvement company to William Daniel for $200 Lots 7-10 of Block 17 of Reedley.

Victor F. Seawell of San Francisco to San Joaquin Orchard company Section 24-16-14.

Barrett-Hicks company to W. S. Barry Lots 33 and 34 of Boles' North Park.

James Porteous to Lowell S. Weymouth N.E.¼ of N.E.¼ of 6-14-19.

MORTGAGE RECORDS

Augusta Ellen Olson and husband, Arthur E., mortgaged to Lucy A. Wilson four-fifth interest in Lots 9-11, 13 and 15 of Scandinavian Colony as security for loan of $9000 payable $2000 in two years, $2000 in three years and $5000 in four years at 7 per cent, also the crops thereon.

Mrs. D. M. Crawford of Selma to J. H. and A. T. Brewer of Selma E.½ of Lots 23-32 in Block 3 of Whitson's addition to Selma, being her separate property. They mortgaged to J. W. Williams of Selma for $800 for one year at 8 per cent.

Frank H. Stokes and wife mortgaged to W. J. Lohman of Selma also, E.½ of S.E.¼ of S.E.¼ of 25-15-22 for $300 for one year at 8 per cent.

Victor R. Smith assigned for $500 to A. B. Smith, his father, mortgage of February 8, 1908, by Carl W. Machen and wife.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES

M. Donabedian, farmer, mortgaged to D. S. Snodgrass five tons of Muscat raisins, four mares and a gelding and a cow for $250 on demand at 10 per cent and to secure not to exceed $500, mortgaged property on lands about 2½ miles east of Selma on 3-16-22.

Three horses and a mare on the N.E.¼ of 28-16-20 mortgaged by Georgia C. Williams and wife to F. B. Howard for $180 for 100 days at 6 per cent payable at Selma.

Teamster-Rancher L. C. Vermillion mortgaged to Hume-Bennett Lumber company for $150 for one day a grey Percheron and Belgian stallion known as the Enos horse, also a bay gelding.

W. H. Braden, merchant, to Lora Braden, stenographer, stock in furnishing goods store at 1150 I street for $100 at 10 per cent.

CROP MORTGAGE

Five-eighths of the grapes and raisins on W.½ of S.W.¼ of N.E.¼ of 6-13-21 (Lot 13 of Colonial Helm) mortgaged by Alfred F. Norrish and wife to C. L. McLane for $500 at 10 per cent payable December 1, 1908.

PROOF OF LABOR

George E. Corliss has made proof of labor in clearing off, uncovering gypsum and mining cuts in the Orage claim on the N.E.¼ of 27-20-14 in the Coalinga district at the expense of Frank Cheney.

SELMA POSTOFFICE LEASE

Lease has been recorded between the Berry Improvement company (Inc.) by Manager F. C. Berry and the postmaster general for a room 23.2x58.3 on the first floor of a building on east side of Front street between Second and Third in town of Selma. The term is for 10 years from September 1, 1908, at $300 per year. Berry to furnish everything else.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Fruits — Fancy apples 125; common 40.

Berries—Cranberries 1200@1400.

Grapes—Ordinary 50@100.

Pears—Common 50; fancy 150.

Oranges —Navels 150@250.

Mexican limes 450@500.

Lemons —Common California 100@150; good to choice 175@250; fancy 250@275.

Tropical fruits — Bananas 100@200; pineapples 200@400.

Beans—Pink 240@260; Lima 420@430; small white 450@470; large white 365@385.

Potatoes—Early Rose 125@135; Oregon Burbanks 115@125; Salinas Burbanks 125@135; Merced Sweets 125@150.

Vertices—Green peas 8@12½; string beans 10@15; egg plant 12½@15; green peppers 50@75; tomatoes 50@100; rhubarb 150@175; garlic 7@9; Mexican tomatoes 60@100.

Butter—Fancy creamery 30½; seconds 28; fancy dairy 26; seconds 25.

Cheese—New 14@14½; Eastern 17; Young America 15½@16.

Eggs—Ranch 45; store 42; Eastern 30.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys 27@30; roosters, old 400@450; roosters, young 600@700; broilers, small 350@450; broilers, large 450@600; fryers 500@600; hens 400@500; ducks, old 400@500; ducks, young 500@600; geese 200@250; pigeons, old 100@150; pigeons, young 200@225.

Flour—Family extras 560@620; bakers' extras 540@565; Oregon and Washington 4.25@4.50.

Millstuffs—Middlings 32½@37½; milling 27@32½.

Hay—Wheat 14@17½; wheat and oat 13@16; alfalfa 11@14; stock 10@11; barley 10@11.

Barley—Feed 142½@145; brewing 147@150; Chevalier 154@160.

Corn—Kiln 137½@140; white 165@180; yellow 165@180.

Potatoes—Sweets 1.25@1.75; Mortlakes 35@65; mixed 30@50.

Onions—Yellow 75@100; red 75@100; white 100@125.

Green fruit—Apples, common 25@50; choice 60@75; fancy 100@125; crabapples 25@50; pears, Bartlett 100@125; other varieties 50@75; peaches, common 25@50; choice 60@75; fancy 100@125; plums, common 25@50; choice 60@75; fancy 100@125; prunes 25@50; cherries 100@125; grapes, Malaga 50@75; Tokay 75@100; Muscat 50@75; other varieties 25@50; figs, black 25@50; white 50@75; fancy 100@125

MEETING NOTICES

GEORGE A. CUSTER CIRCLE NO. 18—Ladies of the G. A. R. meet first and third Saturday afternoon of each month at 1:30 o'clock, Ritsley hall on Fresno street. Addie L. Gross, president. Tonia Carpenter, secretary.

ATLANTA POST, G. A. R.—Meets the first and third Saturdays at 2 p. m. of each month at Ritsley hall, Fresno street. All members in good standing invited. W. W. Trasdell, Com. H. V. Parker, Adjt.

FOR SALE—Real Estate

FIRST CLASS alfalfa with best of water rights, $75 per acre.

60 ACRES in fruit, vines and alfalfa with buildings, stock and implements, $7000. Will trade for general merchandise store in country town or city.

LAND on west side from $8 to $20 per acre, land near Fresno from $50 to $80 no alkali, 10 acres improved 3 miles out, $1750; 40 acres improved 6 miles out, $4250 for quick sale.

A LARGE LIST of outside property to trade for Fresno county and city property; city property to trade for country. Choice bargains in city homes.

THEO HARRIS, 1153 I St. Phone Main 66.

FOR SALE

SIX ROOM hard finish house, all modern, 3 lots, located close in on car line. Price $1500, $1500 down, terms for balance.

4 ROOM house, 2 lots, shade and fruit trees, fine home for a little money. Price $1400, $800 down, balance on time.

50 ACRES alfalfa, six miles from Fresno sub-irrigated, fenced one side, fine crop this year. Price $5000, $4000 cash, terms for balance.

J. S. KNIGHT & CO.

CO-OPERATION
THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

THOUSANDS of people are constantly seeking new locations for homes, business opportunities, etc. They are ready to buy or sell but have great difficulty finding suitable propositions, because the attractions and advantages of distant properties are unknown to them.

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WE HAVE property for sale everywhere, also gold bonds and stocks.

REVINGTON & ELLIS,
2029 Fresno St.

SEE MOUNT HOOD addition today. We offer you extra fine high lots, in north part Fresno, at unusual prices, city water, near school and car line. Lots 6 blocks west end of Fortheamp car line. Only $5 cash, balance 1, 2, 3 years (lots $115 to $140 each).

EWING-McDANIEL CO., 1035 J St.

TO RENT FOR TWO YEARS

10 ACRES—5 acres in full bearing Muscats, 4½ acres in assorted fruits, good house, barn, yards and corrals.

5 ACRES WITH BUILDINGS TO LEASE

4½ ACRES in wheat, house and barn, chicken yards and houses, close in.

BOTH PROPERTIES close to street car.

H. R. SIMPSON LAND CO.,
Over Hollman's 2014 Mariposa St.

FOR EXCHANGE: What have you in vacant lots to exchange as a first payment on all or any part of 160 acres fine, level land in Tulock Irrigation district? Call at Room 6 from 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m. Metropole Hotel, 1025 J St. or address H. R. Wiseman, Fresno.

FOR SALE—20 acres at cost of improvements, terms. M., Box 6, Republican.

FOR SALE—5 roomed house on Howard St., small payment. T. Condley, R. F. D. No. 7, Fresno.

FOR SALE—Four roomed house, two lots, barn, corral, will take good team horses or mules, easy terms. Owner leaving town. 1041 D St.

FOR SALE AND EXCHANGE—

$2200—20 acres near station, new house, barn, 6 H.P. pumping plant, inbolt fence. Will exchange, $1400 equity for house.

$3500—40 acres, 2 sets buildings, 25 acres Muscats, 7 acres alfalfa, some trees. Will exchange, $2500 equity for house and lot.

100 ACRE dairy ranch, good buildings, alfalfa, stock, income $3000. Will consider house or grocery stock in exchange. See our list.

CHRISTIANSEN & HENRIKSEN, 1143 J St.

HOME
HOME

WE HAVE just a few of our acre lots. Also 5 acre lots left. Don't miss these. $175 for 5 acres with water and ditches on land, $100 down, 5 per cent interest. Your rent will buy you a home.

CRUTCHER & HANSEN, 2039 Mariposa St., Temple Bar Bldg.

BARGAINS
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40 IMPROVED for less than the raw land is selling for around it, all fenced, fairly good house, good barn, pumping plant, 10 in alfalfa. Price $3750.

20—In 4 year old trees, all No. 1 land. Price $2250, terms.

140—Fine eucalyptus land, $1000.

20—All in Muscat vines, small house, $2750.

20 OR 40 near town, ditches and water, fine level land, location is worth quite as much as we ask for the land. These bargains won't keep.

CRUTCHER & HANSEN, 2039 Mariposa St., Temple Bar Bldg.

10 ACRES 4 miles from town, 5 acres peaches, 5 acres vines, house and barn, $2300.

5 ACRES 2 miles from town, 2½ acres Peaches, balance in berries, pretty bungalow house, barn, etc. $3000.

5 ACRES 1 mile from town, all Muscats, $1500.

5 ACRES 1 mile from town, all peaches, $1500.

20 ACRES—10 in Muscats, $2750.

20 ACRES Muscats and peaches, house and barn, $5000.

40 ACRES—Muscats and peaches on 30, balance raw land, $7500.

20 ACRES land $300. 6 miles from town, $200 cash, balance 3 years.

40 ACRES Muscat vineyard in Carmelita Colony, $10,000.

40, 20, 10 ACRE properties to rent on shares and for cash.

SHEPHARD-TEAGUE CO., 1011 J St.

BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE

20 ACRE vineyard, near Clovis, good buildings, income last year $4750. Price $6000, easy terms.

20 ACRES, Lone Star, small house and barn, vines 1 to 4 years old, Muscats, $4750; terms.

40 ACRES near Del Rey fine producer, 15 acres vines, 12 peaches, 7 prunes and Burbank plums, 3 alfalfa, 20 tons green, 48 tons dried fruit last year, fine buildings, farming implements, trays, boxes, span of mules. $14,000, $5000 cash, balance five years.

160 ACRES, 12 miles east, Muscats and Malagas; good buildings, fully equipped, heavy income. $25,000, $15,000 cash.

5 ACRES close in, some buildings, peaches, $2350, terms.

1 ACRE tract, 12 lots near East Fresno school, $800, terms.

ALEXANDER LAND CO., 1050 J St.

S. & CO. A SACRIFICE S. & CO.

FOR A few days only we offer a 5 room strictly modern cottage on corner on Belmont, not far from Fortheamp car line, with lots 50 feet front by 180 feet deep, for $2150. Will take half down. This is a rare bargain.

S. & CO. STEBBINS & CO. S. & CO.
2029 Fresno.
Tel. Main 276.

See HABER BROS. for Madera lands.

FOR SALE—Real Estate

A PARTY desires to sell 160 acres in 10, 20, 40 acre tracts, fine land, short water. Easy terms. Address H., Box 19, Republican.

WE NEVER SLEEP
DE WITT H. GRAY & CO.

WE OFFER the largest list of HIGH GRADE COUNTY PROPERTY for sale in Fresno county and can sell you anything you may want in unimproved property in tracts of from 1 acre to 12,000 acres.

IN IMPROVED property we can suit you in anything you desire in tracts of from 5 acres to 250 acres.

COLONIZATION TRACTS

SOME FINE offerings for this purpose at prices ranging from $7.50 to $35 an acre.

DE WITT H. GRAY & CO.
Entrance Forsyth Bldg. Phone Main 512
WE NEVER SLEEP

QUALITY COLONY
IS THE GREATEST
RAW LAND
BARGAIN PROPOSITION
ON THE MARKET

IT IS the best land for Muscats. The soil is the kind in which are planted the best Muscat vineyards of the county. Just as good for peaches, other varieties of grapes, etc. Surrounding vineyards and orchards tell what Quality Colony land will produce. Price $50 an acre. Easy terms.

PIERCE & ANDERSON
1152 J St. Phone Main 55

6 ROOM HOUSE vacant January 1. It has only recently been tinted and painted, city water, gas, electric lights, bath, 2 lots, barn, on Fortheamp avenue near end car line. This splendid house must be sold.

$300 CASH, the balance at $30 per month contract with owner. House has 5 rooms, bath, gas, two lots, barn. (Total price $1250).

BELMONT AVE.—5 room modern cottage for $2100. Can give terms.

S STREET Fine modern cottage of 5 rooms, all improvements, terms.

THIS 5 ROOM cottage near car line, 2 lots, good location, $2000, terms.

NORTH J STREET—Fine two story modern 9 room house at a very low price.

FORTHCAMP AVE.—5 room house, very fine location, splendid house.

WE HAVE plenty of modern cottages. Ask us about them.

EWING-McDANIEL CO., 1035 J St.

FOR SALE—80 acres heavy producing alfalfa, with buildings, price $10,000. This place will pay for itself in 3 years. First class 20-acre vineyard, 7-room house, 3 miles out, price $7,000. 10 acres improved, good buildings. Price $3050. Several 20-acre tracts close in to trade for city property. What have you?

S. A. OBERG, 1150 I.

FOR SALE—Blackstone Ave. Beautiful corner property, house 7 rooms, modern improvements, large barn, shade and fruit trees.

NOBLE BROS. CO., Room 116, Forsyth Bldg.

SEVERAL well improved 5, 10, 20 acre tracts close to town to trade for good city residence property. What have you.

STEBBINS & CO., 2029 Fresno St. Tel. Main 276.

RAW LAND. Between now and January 1st we will offer special inducements on raw land. We can save you lots of money. Our land is absolutely first class. See us for full particulars.

LIST YOUR vineyards with us. We have customers for some first class 25's and 40's.

20 ACRE vineyard 660 feet from new car line, 1½ miles from court house, $6500, on very easy terms.

SAN JOAQUIN INVESTMENT CO.,
1154 I St.

FOR SALE—40 acres in heart of best raisin district; all in full bearing; only $10,000.00.

THREE 20-acre lots good fruit and alfalfa land, close to shipping station. No payment on principal for four years, if buyer improves land.

80 acres fine peach and grape land, $50 per acre, ½ cash.

$1600 lot and cottage, about 5 blocks from High school.

$1000—choice building lot on car line, 1½ blocks from High school.

HOUSES and lots of all kinds and sizes. Call and see our lists.

HABER BROS. Co., 1140 J St.

FOR SALE—House on North K St. Apply 1560 K St.

MOORE & OWEN
Real Estate, Investments,
1051 J Street.

60 ACRES, first class vineyard land, 35 acres of Muscats, balance leveled and ready to plant, trays and sweat boxes. A bargain if taken at once, $12,500, liberal terms.

160 ACRES first class alfalfa, with first class water right, 1½ miles from R. R. station, all under fence. If you want an alfalfa ranch see this, no alkali.

FOR SALE—7 room modern cottage, 713 Ramona St. Phone Main 533.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—120 acres, 11 miles out, good land; will exchange for desirable city property, $35 per acre. J. E. Davis, owner, Room 307 Land Co. Bldg.

FOR SALE—2 five room shady houses in good location, city water. 125 Valeria St.

FOR SALE—House, four lots, 1850 Harvey Ave. Main 1840.

MENDOTA LANDS
Al. Braverman, 110 Land Co. Building.

20 ACRE LOTS! 20 ACRE LOTS!

NEWMARK TRACT—Being a portion of section one in township thirteen south, range twenty-two, is now offered for sale in subdivisions of 20 acre lots on easy terms at $75 to $85 per acre, with or without water right. The soil is of good quality red land and lies almost perfectly smooth. F. M. CHITTENDEN & CO., 2007 Mariposa St.

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DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

$4500—10 acres just one block from city limits, all in bearing vines and trees. You can cut this up in acre lots or city lots and double your money right away. This is absolutely the best investment that has come into our office of late. Come in and talk it over, better hurry.

S. & CO. STEBBINS & CO S. & CO.
2029 Fresno
Tel Main 276.

FOR SALE—5 acres ½ mile from town, splendid location, all improved to Thompson Seedless grapes and variety fruit trees, 3 horse power pumping plant. Price $2500, $1500 down, balance in 2 years. Address Owner, P. O. Box 68, Fresno.

ESTRAYED

ESTRAYED—One small iron gray mare, 3 years old, weight about 900 lbs. Notify Park Market, K St., phone Main 48.

ESTRAYED—One white and yellow cow with heifer on, left hog ear.

LOST—Brown horse, weighing about 950 pounds, with white spot in forehead, about fifteen years old, from Coleman's pasture, Riverdale district, 2 or 3 months ago. Inform George M. Rohler, 1312 K St.

FOR SALE—Real Estate

20 AND 40 ACRE tracts of good land under ditch for sale on easy terms. Time. Reedley Land Co., Reedley.

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INVESTMENT

$100—170x140 feet on Central, near Thorne. This is a good lot.

S. & CO. STEBBINS & CO. S. & CO.
2029 Fresno
Tel Main 276.

FOR SALE—North half sec. 36, township 18, range 20, level, no hardpan or alkali. $65 per acre. Very easy terms. J. E. Davis, owner, Rm 307 Land Co. Bldg.

FOR SALE—large tract of land in subdivisions of 10, 20 and 40 acre lots, price $75 to $80 per acre. This property is situated in the River Bend country 9 miles S.E. of Sanger.

ALSO several 5 and 10 acre lots near Fresno.

THOS. E. BRALY, J. ED. MITCHELL.
Phone Main 1405 1140 J St.

FOR SALE—100 acres fine level land suitable for oranges and lemons, besides all kinds of deciduous fruits. In the famous Lindsay district in Tulare county, only 15 feet to water, no inter alfalfa land in the world, $65 per acre. If you want to make an independent fortune quick investigate. Address Owner, Box 119, Fresno.

BARGAINS

$8000—80 acre vineyard, 1, 2 and 3 years old, located between Lone Star and Sanger. Raw land adjoining sells for $85 per acre. Easy terms if desired. This is the best bargain in vineyard property on our list. Let us show you the place. No. 852.

$3500—20 acres partly improved near Glendale. Vines, trees, alfalfa and buildings. A snap. No. 554.

$50 PER ACRE, raw land in Sunset Colony near Clovis. Good vineyard and orchard land, 1½ especially adapted for Muscat grapes. Let us show you this land before it is all sold.

$50 PER ACRE, 1000 acres of fine level land near Wheatville, with water right. Has produced as high as 30 sacks of barley to the acre. Easy terms.

SUNSET REALTY CO.,
1908 Mariposa St. Main 521

W. L. Chappell, P. Idee, H. Jacobsen.

A FEW OF THE GOOD ONES

65 ACRES—15 acres cultivated, 20 in alfalfa, 2 sets of buildings, 2 story house and small house and other buildings. This place has a frontage of nearly one mile on Kings river with plenty shade for stock and never failing water. Some timber on place. A grand dairy or hog proposition. Price $3250.

30 ACRES, all in cultivation, 25 in alfalfa, all fenced, small house, barn and well. A fine piece of land. Price $1050.

20 ACRES, all fenced, 15 in alfalfa, all good land, no buildings. Price $75 per acre.

80 ACRES, all in cultivation, 50 acres alfalfa, house, barn and well. Splendid opportunity for dairyman to take ready made place and do business the first month. Price $75 per acre.

160 ACRES unimproved, except fencing. Fine grass land that will carry at least 80 head of stock the year round. 100 acres good alfalfa land. Price $75 per acre. Here is the chance for the dairyman who wants to develop a fine property. The land is right, the price is right and when the right man takes it there will be something doing.

320 ACRES—10 acres cultivated, all fenced and in use as dairy pasture, 6 room house, nice grove, all ditched for irrigation, all good alfalfa land. This is a good opening for large dairy farm. Price $8500.

WE HAVE vineyards, too, some close to Fresno, others near Fowler and Selma, at prices and terms to suit.

IT WILL pay you to talk to us, if you want good land.

WM. E. G. SAUNDERS,
Rooms 1 & 2, Short Bldg.

S. & CO. ..... S. & CO.

A BARGAIN

$1500—4 room hard finish cottage on Echo, lots 50x150. Can sell 55x140 feet directly back of this for $750, making lots 200 feet deep. All fenced for chickens. This place is well worth $2000. See us at once.

S. & CO. STEBBINS & CO. S. & CO.
2029 Fresno
Tel Main 276.

THREE ROOM house near Belmont school, lot 25x150, for $1000, cash $400.

5 LOTS with shade and fruit trees, 6 room plastered house, gas and electric lights and barn, cement walks, everything in fine condition, on Belmont Ave., $4000.

40 ACRES near Del Rey, full bearing vines and alfalfa, $11,000. Good water and white ash soil.

SEE US about improved or unimproved lands in any section of the county.

PEARSON'S REALTY EXCHANGE
1544 Tulare St.

GOVERNMENT LAND—I can locate you in several different localities in this valley, file either "homestead" or "desert entry". Call at my office, 1138 J St. or write me. Box 405, Fresno, Cal. Geo. H. Millward.

FOR SALE—A few bargains in houses. Get one and stop paying rent.

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FOR RENT—4 room furnished cottage, with bath, at 2127 L St. Inquire 2419 L St.

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MUST SELL or rent soon, two story, modern house, every convenience, partly furnished, good location. Apply Main 2164.

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FOR RENT —2 furnished housekeeping rooms, close in, no children. 1235 L St.

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FOR RENT—6 roomed modern house, 1350 H St. Crutcher & Hansen, 2039 Mariposa.

FOR RENT—One front bedroom prettily furnished. Old Library Bldg. Phone Main 2459.

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CENTRALLY AND well located, large rooms with heating stoves, housekeeping privileges to right parties. Address C., Box 47, Republican office.

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FOR RENT—1 furnished front room, 2 bay windows, electric lights, suitable for 2 gentlemen or for man and wife. 2203 Ventura, corner L St.

FOR RENT—Furnished room, or board and room for two gentlemen. 282 San Pablo.

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ROOMS and board, 2 gentlemen preferred, $5 each. 840 N St.

FOR RENT—Newly furnished room with first class board; also table boarders, wanted, 1026 N St.

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FOR RENT ON SHARES — 240 acres near Reedley and 180 acres 4 miles from Fresno. Inquire 352 Abby. Phone Main 707.

FOR RENT—Alfalfa ranch, 80 acres or 160 acres in good standing; abundant water. Scales house, barn, etc. Call 1933 Fresno St., Fresno, Cal.

FOR RENT—Store, opposite Hughes hotel. Einstein Investment Co.

FOR RENT—640 acres of grain land, ¼ of a mile from Caruthers. Apply to M. W. Muller, 1933 J St. Rooms 3 and 4.

FOR RENT—Knights of Pythias hall, Saturday nights. Apply Donahoe-Kelmous Co.

LOST

LOST—Lady's gold watch with diamond star on back and initials on front. Liberal reward. Please return to L. D. Manuel, 303 Forsyth Bldg.

LOST—Between North Ave. and Fresno, small white fox terrier with black head and white diamond in forehead. Black spot on hip. Phone State 1951.

LOST—One English pointer spotted black and white, has new collar on head near the neck, has tendency to run fast. Finder will receive reward of ten cents to return brute to W. W. Coats, Turf Saloon.

LOST—Sunday morning, December 27, between Washington Colony and Malaga station, a lady's small black hand bag containing a ticket to Pixley, also small change. Finder please return or notify J. H. Robert, Oleander, R. F. D. No. 2 or leave at Republican office. Reward.

LOST—One white and liver colored female pointer and English setter pup, liver ears and spots on back, 4 months old. Reward. 1040 Mariposa.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—Night of December 27, a chestnut sorrel mare weight about 900, hitched to a rubber tired buggy, red running gear, black body. Reward. Notify Grand Central Stables.

LOST—Gentleman's open faced gold watch. Return to C. S. Pierce Lumber Co. $10 reward.

LOST—Child's necklace of gold beads, somewhere in the vicinity of L and San Joaquin Sts. Finder please return to D. H. Gray and receive reward.

LOST—On Kerman motor car, black seal hand bag containing change, a lady's gold watch and unrecorded deed. Return to 2421 Mariposa, or phone Main 416. Liberal reward.

LOST—Very small purse containing ring and key. Return and receive reward at Sequoia Hotel.

LOST—A black and white fox terrier 3 months old. Return to 1651 L St. Reward.

LOST—From train near Clotho, lady's small black leather purse. E., Box 51, Republican. Reward.

LOST—A lemon and white pointer dog, lemon colored spots, very small, had a plain leather collar on neck. Return to G. P. Cummings, 904 O St. or telephone to Main 1677 and receive reward.

LOST—Lady's purse containing about $3 and papers. Finder please return to Republican office.

LOST—Blue double barred National 28 inch front wheel, D. & J. Hangers, saddle worn, toe clips. Notify Republican.

LOST—Red double barred Appel No. 1070. Notify this office. Reward.

FOUND

FOUND—A fur, between Lincoln and Jefferson avenues on Cedar. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for ad. H. Barkema, Box 2, Route 3, Oleander.

FOUND—Bicycle, 1946 H St. Owner prove property and pay for ad.

FOUND—The place to insure, L. J. Cosmore, 1946 Tulare St.

HELP WANTED—Male

WANTED — Thoroughly competent man who understands pruning vineyards in Malaga grapes. Must have very best references from Fresno. Write C. B. Jeffries, Imperial, Cal.

WANTED—Experienced flume carpenters for construction work on new flume in mountains. Good wages and steady work until May 1st. We want none but experienced men. Apply at Hume-Bennett Lumber Co., Sanger, Cal.

WANTED—Man and wife to run ranch, man must understand all kinds ranch work, raising alfalfa, care of vines, trees, etc., and running of pumping plant. Wife must be a good cook, six to eight men to board. References required. None But first class couple need apply. Good wages paid. Address Postmaster, Halwee, Cal.

WANTED—Railway mail clerks, commencement salary $800. Spring examinations. Candidates prepared free. Write immediately for schedule. Franklin Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

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PAUL MARKET furnishes male help. Inyo and Kern Sts. Phone Main 690.

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PACIFIC EMPLOYMENT BUREAU for reliable help. 1435 Tulare St. Phone Main 251.

SAMPSEE

20,000 DIE IN QUAKE

So Says Late Dispatch from Sicily.

Messina First Shaken Down and Then Inundated By Sea.

CHICAGO Dec. 29.—In a special cable dispatch today from Rome the Tribune says:

Twenty thousand persons were killed, according to one estimate, by an earthquake which yesterday destroyed most of the human habitations on the eastern half of the island of Sicily and in the department of Calabria, Italy. It is believed to be the greatest disaster of modern times.

Reports arriving late all tend to confirm the statement that the catastrophe possibly will equal that which occurred in 1783, when 40,000 persons perished at Messina.

Acording to late advices Messina, in Sicily, was terribly damaged by the first shock and later three-fourths of the town practically was swept from the earth by a vast wave from the sea. Hundreds met death in this inundation.

RAISIN GROWERS TO MEET TODAY

Contract With Packers Will Be Submitted for Adoption.

Final preparations for the big raisin growers' mass meeting to be held in the Barton opera house today, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, were made yesterday by the selling committee of the raisin pool. This committee was in session all day yesterday, winding up all matters that had been before it. The contracts with all the raisin packers have been finished and are ready to be presented to the growers for consideration.

Chairman John Fairweather of the selling committee is very enthusiastic over the contract that has been made and believes if it is accepted by the growers today it will solve all the difficulties that are besetting the raisin men at the present time. If the contract is rejected, he sees no way in which a disposition of the present raisin crop can be effected.

Special rates have been obtained from the railroads and a monster meeting is expected.

MOTHER RESCUES CHILD IN WRECK

Heroic Tale Told of the Capsizing of the Little Schooner "Annie."

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28.—Telling a story of a marvelous deliverance from his capsized schooner and the rescue of his young wife and baby from the cabin of the vessel after the schooner had turned over and half filled with water, Captain C. M. Decker of the British schooner Annie has arrived with his wife and baby on the steamship Harry T. Inge from Belize.

The Annie was capsized in about ten seconds, while twelve miles off to the south of the east end of Ruatan island by the whirlwind accompanying a waterspout, which formed almost immediately above the ill-fated vessel.

When the vessel capsized, Captain Decker and the crew climbed over the side and clung to the keel. Mrs. Decker was in the cabin, the baby being in its cradle at that time. When the lurch came she was thrown down and through the door of her cabin into the companionway, and then through another door into a closet.

Although severely cut and bruised, she managed to crawl back to the crib and throw her husband's oilskins over the baby to protect it from being hurt by the debris. By that time her husband and the crew had climbed around the broadside of the sinking vessel, disentangling the two boats, and went through a small port to the rescue of Mrs. Decker and the infant. Mrs. Decker made a rope out of the oil coat and a portiere, and for a few seconds there was a desperate battle for the lives of the two imprisoned ones.

The vessel was rapidly filling with water, and the cabin was half full when Mrs. Decker managed to make a rope basket for the babe and saw that it was safely hoisted through the aperture. Then her husband and the others managed to pull her, more dead than alive, from the cabin.

FURNACE ACCIDENT CAUSES 10 DEATHS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—Ten men were killed and several injured by a cave-in at the furnace plant at Ensiye tonight. But two bodies have been recovered. Gas pouring into the excavation from the furnace makes rescue work difficult.

The men were excavating for the gas flue which is to connect the blast furnace with the new battery of boilers. The end of the old gas flue had been temporarily bricked up.

Mechanical dirt carriers were being used and when one broke, a beam fell on the cement wall which formed one side of the trench. The entire wall toppled over and with it tons of loose earth. The wall broke down the brick work at the gas main and gas quickly poured in on the entombed men.

MORE DETAILED REPORTS.

CATANIA, Dec. 28.—Late tonight communication with Messina by rail was re-established. A number of injured were brought in but the stories they told of the disaster were very confusing. Their reports seem to make the damage less extensive than at first reported. Several quarters of the town were destroyed and the magnificent cathedral of the Norman period was damaged, the dome having fallen, but some of the public buildings are standing. The palace of the prefect is untouched.

MINING PROMOTER DIES

REDONDO, Dec. 28.—Frederick G. Bulkley, known all over the west as a mining expert, interested in gold mines in Colorado, died here today of heart disease. Bulkley, who was a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, was identified with the development of Leadville, Cripple Creek, Aspen, and other mining camps. He was part owner of the Penrose, Ivex and Tam O'Shanter mines.

TRAVELERS ELECT OFFICERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' association, at its annual meeting held here today, elected the following officers for the ensuing year. President [illegible] H. Wood; first vice president, J. A. [illegible]; second vice president, M. R. [illegible]; treasurer, H. I. Judell; secretary, E. N. Chinnman.

SAFE DEPOSIT BANK SUBJECT OF DRAMA

Juggling in High Finance in San Francisco to Be Seen on Barton Stage.

One of the most intensely absorbing plays that will be seen in this city during the present season is "Lives Divided," which comes to the Barton next Friday, New Year's, matinee and night. The author, D. A. Lee, has taken the recent failure of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company as the foundation for his stage picture and has drawn one of the most pronounced of successes. This new stage creation will prove of exceptional interest to local theater patrons, as it deals with a subject that has been prominently before the public for months. Several of the characters who participated in the great financial juggling will be recognized in the stage production. A story that is both congruous and consistent has been evolved and the very apex of dramatic intensity achieved. The scene at the climax of the second act is one that enlists the admiration of the auditor for the deft and complex manner in which the author has provided the heroine a means of securing the telltale document from the safe. All other chief scenes sink into commonplace in comparison. Throughout this graphic story there is woven a very delightful vein of wholesome humor in the person of an aspiring actress with a fund of timely slang. A very marked interest is being manifested in the coming presentation of "Lives Divided" and big houses seem assured. Miss Nannary has a special company and a complete scenic investure for the production. The prices will be 25c and 50c for the matinee and 25c, 50c and 75c for the evening performance. The sale of seats will open for both performances this morning at 9 o'clock. *

TEACHING YOUNG IDEA TO SHOOT

No, Not Figuratively, But Literally.

War Department Encouraging Rifle Practice in Schools.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28. — What are the schools, colleges and universities of the United States doing in the way of military training for the American youth, is a question in which the war department is greatly interested. Approximately one hundred institutions of learning have attached to them army officers on either the active or retired list. During 1908 the department went to much trouble to ascertain what was being accomplished by these officers and how far they were being assisted by the faculties of the institutions where they were serving. Reports were received from each of the officers detailed and each institution was inspected by officers assigned to this duty. In addition statistics were compiled in respect to the government aid enjoyed by certain colleges, so that the whole gives the general staff a very fair idea of just what the government is getting in the shape of military training in return for what it is doing for these institutions of learning.

The details of the inspections will not be made public but the general staff will probably have something to say on the subject when the reports are thoroughly digested. Most of the colleges and universities receiving government aid pay attention to their military department but very few are equipped for rifle-practice, on which the department is growing more insistent. Again and again the inspectors report the absence of rifle-ranges out of doors and the poor facilities for indoor practice as well as the antiquated equipment of rifles with which the students are supplied. As an example of the conditions prevailing the case of a Southern college may be cited. This institution receives an annual appropriation of $51,146. It has no gallery range but has an outdoor range available at 200 and 300 yards, but has only one target for its 570 students.

In contrast with these is a report from another Southern institution which abbreviated is as follows, the name of the college being withheld: It receives government support to the extent of $58,800, and $250 is allowed in the military department, in which 126 students are enrolled, composing a battalion with three companies. Of these 112 fired at 200 yards; 60 per cent at 300 yards; 30 per cent at 500 yards and 5 per cent at skirmish. Twelve students qualified as marksmen, or at a higher grade. The time for range practice is set outside the usual drill hours. The college is equipped with a 60-yard range within four minutes' walk of the college buildings, with two sliding targets, and next year will have an indoor range in the basement of the armory. The report states that the "students find pleasure and profit in military work," and that "interest in rifle practice is keen." The instructor recommends that the government should supply an ammunition allowance of 100 ball cartridges per student.

Of another Southern institution, the reports say: "Little importance is attached to the military instruction by the college authorities. Very slight military spirit developed and nurtured, although there are indications of improvement." Also: "Very little encouragement given by most of the faculty. As a rule they absolutely lack interest and look upon military effort as time lost." This institution is equipped with a 500-yard range with two targets ordered; it has no gallery range.

It is believed that as a result of the thorough inspections several institutions will have difficulty in securing the assignment of officers for their military departments.

JUDGE DUNNE SCORES SYSTEM OF DELAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Superior Judge Dunne from the bench today severely criticised the system under which convicted men who have been sentenced to the penitentiary remain for years in the county jail.

B. B. Lee, convicted of manslaughter for causing the death of a man by striking him in the eye with an umbrella, and sentenced to five years in San Quentin, had applied for a ten days' stay, pending the perfection of his appeal. Judge Dunne granted him three days but remarked

"Under the present system, with writs of habeas corpus and other means of delay, convicted men are able to hang up their cases for years. The county jail is crowded with men who have succeeded in doing this and so far as I am able, I will stop the practice. It seems almost impossible to get some men further than the county jail."

JOURNALIST GETS "THIRTY."

ADRIAN, Mich., Dec. 28. — Wilard Stearns, for many years editor of the Adrian Press, one of the most widely known Democrats in the state, died here today aged 73.

ROAST SWANS FOR ORPHANAGE

Grocer Mhoon Awaits Sentence for Killing Seven.

His Plea in Court Was That He Mistook Them for Geese.

Today or tomorrow the children of the county orphanage will have served to them a rare dish, roast swan. Five great birds, each weighing not less than twenty pounds, and whose size may be judged from the fact that their spread-out wings measure six and a half feet from tip to tip, have been given the orphanage management by Deputy Wardens Ferguson and Keisker as the result of a raid and arrest made by them.

John E. Mhoon, a small grocer at F and Merced streets, will appear this morning before City Justice Graham to receive sentence for having shot and killed seven birds. He pleaded guilty to the charge yesterday afternoon, advancing in extenuation the plea that never before had he hunted aquatic fowl and he supposed when he shot the swans he was peppering away at geese. Mhoon is in great trepidation over what that sentence will be. It is absolutely forbidden to kill swan in California at any time and the penalty for every bird killed ranges from the minimum of $25 to the maximum of $125.

Mhoon killed the birds last Saturday while on a hunt at McMullen's well on the West Side in the Jamison country, bringing to town seven of the protected birds. Two of them were recovered yesterday afternoon by the wardens at the grocery by a ruse, one Mhoon had presented to his father-in-law and of two no trace has as yet been found. Two other birds were given to a man named Reucht, employed at Richter's bottling works, but he had expressed them to a friend in San Francisco. The local wardens have telegraphed to State Warden Gogelsang to be on the guard to confiscate them before delivery.

Mhoon promised when he appears for sentence this morning that he will produce the three unaccounted for dead swans to help swell the roast dinner of the orphans of the county.

POLICEMEN HELP STRANDED WOMAN

Believing that her sister, Mrs. Charles Bellson, was living in Fresno, Miss Della Metcalf arrived in here yesterday from San Francisco to pay her sister's family a visit. But a search for the Bellsons resulted in finding that they were now residing in Modesto.

Miss Metcalf found that she had only 75 cents left and for a time she did not know how she was going to reach Modesto. But the members of the police department and City Trustee Statham, to whom she had appealed to aid her in finding her sister, took up a collection and started Miss Metcalf on her way to Modesto.

TONG TROUBLE MAY HAVE CAUSED DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28. — Tom Yick, a hanger-on about the billiard parlors in Ross Alley, in the Chinese quarter, was shot and fatally wounded tonight while passing through the alley, which is but a block in length, and at each end of which a plain clothes officer of the Chinatown squad was stationed at the time. At the point where the shooting occurred a vacant lot affords egress to Stockton street and a Chinese, who was seen by the officers crossing this at a leisurely pace within a minute after the shots which killed Yick, were fired, was placed under arrest. An automatic pistol with two cartridges missing from its magazine was found on the man.

The Chinese so far as the police knew, belonged to none of the Chinese tongs and the police are at a loss to account for his murder. It is thought he may have been considered a tale-bearer by some of the warring factions of the quarter and have been killed because of that.

Yick died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES CHINESE STUDENTS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Escorted to the White House by Tong Shoa Yi, special envoy to this country, and Minister Wu, 104 Chinese students were received today by President Roosevelt.

The president told the students that he was glad to see so many young Chinese coming to this country and expressed the hope that the number would continue to increase. He spoke of the friendly relations existing between the two countries and told them that they could help to make the lines still more binding.

Minister Wu gave a banquet and reception in honor of the students at the legation tonight.

PROMOTERS MUST STAND TRIAL.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Judge Pollock of the United States court today refused to quash the indictment against S. H. Snyder of Arizona, E. S. Horn, president Horn-Baker Advertising company, and Frank Horn, J. E. Horn and R. P. May, stockholders, charged with misuse of the mails in selling mining stock of the Central Mining and Development company. They must stand trial.

ANOTHER HILL RAILROAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—It was announced here today that James J. Hill, in connection with his purchase of the Colorado and Southern railroad, has determined to construct a low grade route from Denver to Billings, and also a low grade road from Kearney, Neb., to the same place. The latter route will be built northwest to a connection with the Denver-Billings line at Orin Junction, Wyoming, or north of that point.

REBATE TAKER FINED.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 28.—Judge Triber today in the federal court imposed a $15,000 fine on T. H. Bunch, a prominent grain dealer, who pleaded guilty several weeks ago to having accepted rebates from the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain systems.

"FOX" TO BE LAID UP.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 28.—The U. S. S. Fox, Captain Shipp, torpedo boat destroyer, arrived late today from San Diego. She will sail tomorrow for Mare Island to go out of commission. The crew will be transferred to the U. S. S. Rowan, destroyer.

CHOLERA STILL RAGES

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28. — St. Petersburg still continues to suffer from the Asiatic cholera. There were eighteen new cases and five deaths from the disease yesterday. This has been the daily average for the highest month.

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SIX MORE COUPLES LICENSED TO WED

This Is the County Clerk's Record of Authorizations Since Christmas Day.

Six licenses to marry have been issued by the county clerk since Christmas day to couples named as follows:

Peter Schmidt, aged 22, and Christina Winter, aged 19; natives of Russia, he a resident of Fresno and she of Sanger.

Earl R. Hoxie, Kansas born, aged 17, and Bertha M. Vernon, Iowa born, aged 16. Mrs. Katie Vernon gave consent to the daughter's marriage, and Mrs. Ollie Hendrickson to the son Earl his father being dead.

George Lyons, California born, aged [illegible] and Clara Foley, California born, aged 18; he resident of Fresno, she of Napa.

Roy Elmore, Missouri born, aged 22, and Lulu Pflueger, Wisconsin born, aged 25; residents of Fresno.

Charles H. Friesner, Missouri born, aged 20, and Lula E. Todd, Arizona born, aged 19; residents of Fresno. Mrs. Willie Friesner gave consent to the son's marriage.

Lawrence Tegelberg, Iowa born, aged 23, and Lillie Erickson, Michigan born, aged 22; residents of Kingsburg.

MAY MEAN A WRECK

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.—The government wireless station sends word this afternoon that part of a hand rail painted black and white with the letters "S. J. 516" painted on it has been found near Carmanah.

HOLD-UP MAN SHOT.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 28.—Lawrence Vernon was shot and killed by Detectives Parlin and Larkin today while endeavoring to escape. He had just been arrested for holding up a street car two weeks ago.

WATER ROUTE IS PROPOSED

To Escape Extortionate Freight Rates.

Electric Road Suggested to Tap San Joaquin River at Firebaugh.

"It seems to me," remarked a citizen yesterday, "that this would be a good time to again take up the proposition of a canal or an electric road to Firebaugh, to give Fresno communication with water for the transportation of freight. The time seems particularly auspicious now, because a double purpose would be served. Heretofore water communication was proposed as a means of forcing terminal rates, while now it would be as efficacious as ever in that direction and would be a means of escaping the extortionate advance in railroad rates proposed. I see by a circular issued by the Chamber of Commerce that the contemplated advance in freight rates will cost Fresno county $100,000 a year, of which $150,000 will be taxed against the producers of raisins.

"Civic bodies in Fresno have heretofore obtained estimates of a canal to Firebaugh and these are still accessible. It could probably be built for less money now. However, an electric road would probably be the more feasible. The distance to Firebaugh is approximately 40 miles and taking the usual estimate for electric road construction and equipment at $10,000 a mile, the cost would be $400,000. In other words, the excess freight rates in one year would give Fresno an outlet to the river and would in addition accomplish the long sought object of giving this town terminal rates.

"Of course the river would have to be dredged and made navigable and that would mean the condemnation of Miller & Lux dam. That would be a matter for federal aid. It ought not be difficult of accomplishment. Sacramento has obtained a federal appropriation for the river and Stockton received aid from national government for a drainage water system. The upper San Joaquin has been filled up for years and it would require a large amount of dredging to again put it in shape for navigation. At the present time there is a general movement in the country to restore the rivers to use for traffic, owing to the inadequacy of railroad facilities and Fresno might to begin a campaign for recognition of the upper San Joaquin."

The mass meeting to protest against the increase will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in Elsevier hall and it is probable that in addition to a vigorous protest the meeting may take action looking to permanent relief, both in the matter of increased rates and of the unjustifiable additional charge for local haul, especially as in many cases the haul is purely mythical.

SENSE OF HUMOR KILLING TRAGEDY

Anti-Conspicuousness, Characteristic of Modern Life, Is Not Stuff Heroes Are Made of.

In a lecture delivered some years ago by Professor Moulton on "The Humor of Ben Johnson," the speaker declared that the one word that best expressed modern life is the word "anti-conspicuousness." We all have a horror of becoming too prominent in appearance and manner; we follow the fashions, not to attract attention, but to avoid it. There is certainly much truth in Professor Moulton's observation. The clothes that young men wear today are almost a uniform of youth and in speech, walk and manner they all approach closely to a certain norm. It is not merely common sense and a keen perception of the ridiculous that prevent us from being poseurs, it is part sheer timidity. In Elizabethan days the situation was quite otherwise. Individualism was rampant. The consuming desire of each man of fashion was to draw attention to himself, either by the splendor of his garments or the swagger of his walk. Modesty was not an Elizabethan virtue. Today we all suspect the man who talks bigly of being really proficient. It was not so in those spendous times. Such splendid soldiers as Melantius and Philaster roared out defiance to the circumspect bientair; and it was not safe for an antagonist to discount their glorying. Tamburlaine out-Heroded Herod in colossal boasting, but he was as good as his word. The twentieth century hero is so unassuming that he not only forbears to speak of his prowess, but he receives praise from others with a sense of shame.

It is at least possible that this modern attitude has something to do with the decline of Tragedy. The very word "Tragedy" sounds strange to modern ears. Playwrights in France, Germany, England and America have almost ceased to use the term; and on the rare occasions when it is employed, it generally betokens a historical costume drama, as though the sorrows of men in evening dress lacked the dignity of protagonists in doublet and hose. It is even probable that the modern dread of ridicule makes our dramatists reluctant to call any of their works Tragedies.—William Lyon Phelps in the December Forum.

Redwood Grape Stakes.
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FIREARMS TABOO NEW YEAR'S EVE

Patrolmen to Arrest People With Revolvers.

Chief Show Considers Practice Dangerous to Life.

The shooting of pistols and other firearms to welcome the New Year in will be prohibited within the limits of the city of Fresno this year. Chief of Police William Shaw has already issued orders to all patrolmen to arrest anybody caught on the streets on New Year's eve with a firearm in his possession. Chief Shaw expects to have some difficulty in enforcing the ordinance prohibiting the use of firearms within the city and to this end will appoint specials on that night to assist the regular patrolmen.

The chief is taking these extra precautions this year in view of the serious damage done on last New Year's eve to the property of the Fresno Gas and Electric Light Company by the careless and promiscuous firing of revolvers. On that night a crowd of men stood in front of the Short building on J street and pointing their revolvers toward the pavement, the bullets glancing across the street and shattering the windows of the gas company. It was only a miracle that some of the passersby at that time were not injured or killed.

In speaking of the matter last night Chief Shaw said:

"I intend to enforce the city ordinance prohibiting the firing of firearms within the city. The practice is dangerous to both life and property. On New Year's eve many men become slightly intoxicated and at the hour of 12 fire their revolvers, endangering many lives and much property. To assist the department I will have some extra men on that night. All men who are caught with revolvers or other firearms in their possession will be arrested and prosecuted for carrying concealed weapons."

TEDDY WILL HAVE GREAT HUNTING

Churchman Tells of Great African Hunting.

Lions and Giraffes Are Awaiting Coming of Roosevelt.

"When President Roosevelt visits British East Africa he will step into a game hunter's paradise. A variety of game can be seen from the train windows of the Uganda railway, and native hunters will guarantee to bring you to whatever sort of game you are after," said Rev. Edwin H. Richards, superintendent of the Inhambane district of the East Central Africa Mission of the Methodist Episcopal church, recently.

Dr. Richards has lived in East Africa thirty years. In the Inhambane district over which he has clerical jurisdiction, are more than three million blacks. He has visited almost every accessible portion of Africa, whose population he estimates at one hundred and fifty millions and which, he says, will yet prove a country of great opportunities for the overcrowded nations of the earth.

"There are regions in Africa of great fertility," said Dr. Richards, "and consequently they support immense numbers of wild creatures. The game country which President Roosevelt will first visit lies between the mountains and the east coast of Africa. It is a little strip 300 miles long by 250 miles wide. Going up from Mombassa and via the Uganda Railway, the president will pass through a region which is literally infested by lions, that always are found following the herds of wild grass eating creatures.

LIONS ATE LABORERS

"It is a fact that the building of this railroad was actually hampered at times by the lions which in numbers preyed upon and devoured the laborers employed in construction.

"On one occasion a lion sprang from a thicket upon the superintendent of the Uganda Railroad, who had gone to the terminus of building operations to see what could be done to prevent the devastation caused by the man-eaters.

"The superintendent was on a handcar, and, missing him, the lion carried off and devoured his native porter.

On another occasion a native superintendent of construction bid in a water tank and a lion actually came out and pawed upon the top of the tank. The lions carried away more than forty of the 2,000 blacks employed upon the line and so demoralized the force that work on the Uganda railroad was at one time completely suspended for a period of three weeks.

ELEPHANTS PULL UP TREES.

"Lions are very common. They are often heard roaring about in the night time. But they are rarely seen in day light and seldom if ever attack a person before nightfall. There are great herds of elephants.

"I have seen the wild elephants pull up a tree the size of a man's thigh with as much ease as you would pull up a dandelion. When the tree is pulled up they strip the foliage, making a rail at their leisure. The elephants are protected and the ivory now exported from the Congo and British East Africa is dead ivory, of which there is a supply stored away to last for ten years to come. All the ports are closely watched and it is impossible to take away any trophies without undergoing the closest scrutiny of the officials.

"President Roosevelt will either get something or something will get him," continued Dr. Richards, "although I do not believe he will encounter any great dangers. The African fever district which he will penetrate is commonly thought to be very dangerous, but I personally would rather have a touch of fever than some of the colds that one contracts in the United States.

GIRAFFE PLENTIFUL

"Besides lions there are a number of grass eating animals much sought by the trophy hunter. The giraffe is still plentiful on the protected reserves of British East Africa. Other animals the hartebeest, wildebeeste, blaubok, gemsbok, koodoo which has long horns extending back as far as its tail, sable antelope, steinbok, springbok, reitbok, the buffalo, which is one of the most dangerous animals to hunt in Africa, eland, gnu, black rhinoceros, white rhinoceros and others. The natives are not permitted to carry firearms and this accounts to a great degree for the abundance of wild game.

"After President Roosevelt leaves Uganda, the capital of the British protectorate, he will go into the pigmy region and then into the Nile headwaters and down the Nile. I can't understand why Mr. Roosevelt will visit the Nile region. It is a country of swamps and morasses. Harry Johnston, the greatest authority on Africa, traveled throughout the entire part of this portion of President Roosevelt's itinerary and says he saw not so much as a rabbit. It is desolate and dismal."

ANOTHER GAME REGION

Dr. Richards states that another well known game region is found in East Africa, between the mountains and the coast just south of Zambesi.

Africa is bound to go ahead rapidly from now on, says Dr. Richards. The Cape to Cairo railway is completed for over a distance of 1800 miles. A well known tourist bureau is already taking travelers over the route.

Mining is still a leading industry, the output being $2,000,000 per day. South and East Africa are now sending large quantities of beef cattle to Europe and Dr. Richards predicts that livestock will soon be sent in this country unless we shall impose a tariff.

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LAUGHING SUCCESS AT THE NOVELTY

"Is Marriage a Failure?" One of the Funniest Plays Given By Phipps Company.

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Miss Phipps in the role of Dilam was the life of the play, and the gowns that she wore were a revelation to the ladies of the audience. Mr. Cripps as the muddly-married husband was good in his part, but perhaps the funniest incident of the performance was the old mother-in-law (Louise Melrose) in the sailor's horn-pipe dance in bloomers. This situation is extremely funny. All members of the company are well cast in their respective parts, and "Is Marriage a Failure?" is sure to make a good impression and draw packed houses for the remainder of the week.

S. K. TASHJIAN IS HELD TO ANSWER

Accused of Passing Fictitious Check on S. B. Goodman.

S. K. Tashjian was held to answer to the superior court yesterday on the charge of having passed a fictitious check on S. B. Goodman. The preliminary examination was held before Judge Briggs.

The charge was that during the latter part of October Tashjian made a small purchase at the store of S. B. Goodman, giving a check on one of the local banks in payment. The check was for $10. Goodman cashed the check, but when he presented it at the bank, found that the check was worthless, the signer of the check being a fictitious character.

Deputy District Attorney Henry Hawson appeared for the people, while W. D. Crichton looked after the interests of the defendant.

THOUGHT HE HAD FOUND DIAMONDS

But Policeman McLaren Discovers They Are Only Imitations.

As Policeman McLaren was parading his beat last night on J street he found a lady's burnt leather hand bag, and, on examining the contents, for a moment thought that some woman had lost four very valuable diamonds. But what appeared to be diamonds were only imitations. In addition to these imitation diamonds the hand bag contained several letters. In this way the name and address of the loser was ascertained and the bag will be returned to the owner today.

SHERER DISMISSED.

Fred Sherer, who was arrested on the charge of battery, was discharged from custody yesterday morning by Judge Briggs when it was ascertained that he had struck the complainant in protecting his sister, Emilia, from the latter's insults.

WE HAVE ANCIENTS ENTIRELY BEATEN

Says Professor in Address—Modern Hotel Would Dazzle Nero's Surfeited Eyes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"If Nero or Heliogabalus could come to life today and see the dining rooms of the great hotels in Paris and London, resplendent with light, crystal, silver, etc., they would admire them as far more beautiful than the halls in which they gave their imperial feasts," said Professor Guglielmo Ferrero, the author and lecturer, in an address on "Corruption and Progress in Ancient and Modern Worlds," before a fashionable audience of men and women at Earl Hall, Columbia University.

"We have pictured to ourselves the imperial banquets of ancient Rome as functions of unheard-of splendor. But they were poor in artificial light, they had poor wines, neither tea nor coffee, nor cocoa, nor tobacco, nor liquors.

"The corruption of Rome has been exaggerated. I have looked around to see if I could not find something that resembled it today. Modern men are persuaded that they are the model of all the virtues. But Rome, even in the time of its greatest splendor, was poor in comparison with the modern world.

"Even in the second century after Christ, when Rome sat as metropolis at the head of an immense empire, Rome was smaller, less wealthy, less imposing than a great metropolis of Europe or America. A well-to-do middle class family of today would hardly occupy the so-called House of Livia at Palatine. The palace of Tiberius rose above the street only two meters wide, an alleylike affair such as is now occupied by the piebians of Italy.

"Suppose today some legislature should pass a law that would restrict women to the expenditure of a certain sum on their clothes, or the number of hats they should wear, or that would regulate dinners of ceremony, fixing the number of courses, the variety of wines and the total expense, or that prohibited laboring men and women from wearing stuffs or certain objects that were used by people of wealth and leisure.

"But riches have increased, and the new generations desire new satisfactions, new pleasures. In ancient Rome men considered these pleasures a kind of disease that needed checking. We today are enjoying liberties that the ancients did not know. The Romans spied on citizens. Today every one is at liberty to indulge himself as he will. Every waste and vice now seems permissible. Today men and women waste fabulous wealth, not to satisfy reasonable wants and needs, but to show to others of their kind how rich they are."

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